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## DATA CENTER DEBATE



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A sign for Mint Farm Industrial Park is seen on Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Longview. A company aiming to build a cryptocurrency mining facility at the park pulled out in 2023. The Longview Planning Commission recommends such facilities be banned from operating in the city.

### Longview mulls allowing data centers, other SW WA leaders wary

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The number of data centers around the Pacific Northwest has exploded in recent decades, growing from less than two dozen in 2008 to more than 200 across Oregon and Washington today.

But Southwest Washington — despite its longstanding role as a regional industrial and manufacturing hub — is home to none of the state's roughly 100 data centers, the backbone to AI.

Local views on the facilities are mixed.

Many Cowlitz and Clark counties leaders say data centers are too costly and employ few people, while the Longview City Council is reviewing whether to codify allowing the centers in all industrial zones as a way to drive development.

The Trump Administration also released a plan in January to invest \$500 billion to fuel U.S. development

of AI infrastructure and data centers, as tech goliaths continue to push to integrate AI into every facet of life.

#### What is a data center?

Data centers are giant warehouses filled with endless rows of computer servers, stacked floor to ceiling that are continuously working to complete tasks like processing google searches and storing cloud photos.

Data centers can support a range of such IT needs, while cryptocurrency mining facilities, located in similar computer-stacked warehouses, only create digital currency.

A latter company pulled plans to join Longview's Mint Farm Industrial Park in 2023, and another did so five years prior at Longview's former Fishers Lane water treatment plant.

City planning leaders see that as a good thing. Longview Community Development Director Nick Little said cryptocurrency mining facilities do not benefit

the city by paying B&O taxes or permits, raising land value, or employing many people.

A March 13 public hearing will review whether the City Council believes data centers could offer such benefits.

Little said if Microsoft wanted to house a permanent data center in Longview, the proposed code would give the flexibility to do so, while banning cryptocurrency mining facilities, which can be confused for one another.

#### Search for resources

Regional leaders say finding the power needed to run such facilities could be difficult.

Jennifer Wray-Keene, executive director for the Port of Woodland, said local ports struggle today to find the power they need, even without demand nearby data

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### Castle Rock schools find lead in water Lines in intermediate, middle schools replaced

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The Castle Rock School Board has approved a plan on how to address elevated lead levels in some Castle Rock schools' sinks and water fountains.

State-required water testing in November found elevated lead levels in both Castle Rock Middle School and Castle Rock Intermediate School. Castle Rock Primary School, which shares a building with the intermediate school, was also tested, but lead was only found on the intermediate side of the building, Superintendent Chris Fritsch said.

The board approved a plan to address lead at the middle school on Wednesday,

and the intermediate school at its Jan. 22 meeting.

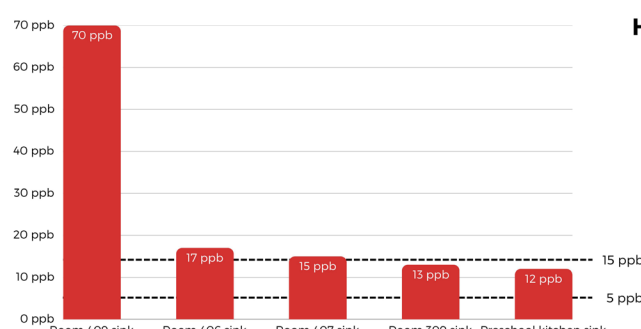
Castle Rock High School was not required to be tested in this round, but there's currently no reason to believe it has lead issues, Fritsch said.

State law requires all buildings built before 2016 to be tested at least once before June 2026, and retested at least once every five years after that.

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Lead levels shared by Castle Rock schools are compared to FDA, EPA and state requirements.

#### Intermediate School



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## Landlord sentenced for child molestation Silver Lake man pleads guilty

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A landlord from Silver Lake has been sentenced to nearly six years for child molestation after reportedly asking his tenant if he could have sex with the man's teen.

Brian James Wheeler, 62, was sentenced last week to 68 months in a Washington state prison, and a lifetime of community custody.

He pleaded guilty on Jan. 2.

According to court documents, Wheeler rented rooms at a home he has been living in for the past 30-plus years.

The victim's father, a recent tenant, reported to the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office on May 11 that Wheeler disclosed his desire to sleep with the man's teen.

The teen later admitted that Wheeler had touched the youth inappropriately multiple times when younger.

Each encounter typically involved Wheeler luring the victim into a private room, the report states. The victim said one assault included another child.

During a July 24 interview with detectives, Wheeler admitted touching the victim's genitals "on a few occasions," as well as having the victim and another child touch his genitals.

Wheeler explained in a January pre-sentence investigation interview that he did not have locks on his bathroom or bedroom doors, and the kids would often walk in on him when showering or touching himself.

"I believe (the victim) forced me into doing it," he said in the interview, adding that he is "scared to death about going to prison."

Court records show Wheeler had to be separated from other jail inmates after discussing his charges, leading staff to place him in segregated housing.

## Ore. teen killed in Kelso crash

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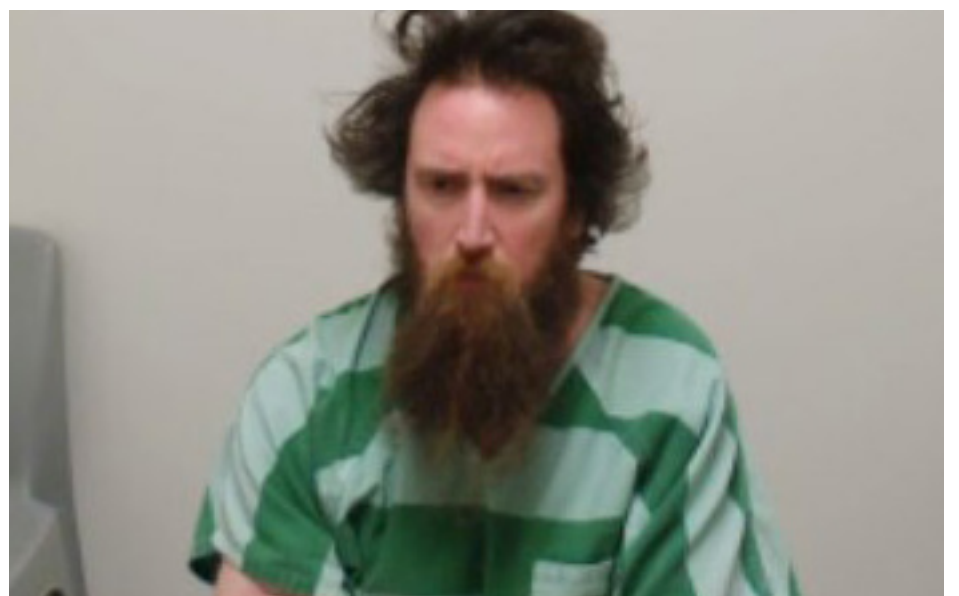
An Oregon woman died Monday night following a single-vehicle crash in the northbound lanes of the Interstate 5 in Kelso.

The incident occurred around 10:45 p.m. near milepost 44, close to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 2884 North Pacific Ave. in Kelso.

According to a memo from the Washington State Patrol, a blue 2005 Toyota 4Runner, driven by Breanna L. Vaughn, 18, of Eagle Creek, Oregon, left the roadway and crashed into trees. The press memo states the 4Runner was going at a high rate of speed before the crash and she died at the scene and the crash is under investigation.

Vaughn was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of impact, and intoxicants were not a factor in the crash, as reported in the press memo.

## Man arrested for threatening to kill Morton police chief



**THE CHRONICLE**

Jess Keawe Galiher, 41, of Cinebar, appears in Lewis County Superior Court on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

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**THE CHRONICLE**

Bail is set at \$20,000 for a man accused of threatening to kill Morton Police Chief Cole Cournyer, driving toward Cournyer at a high rate of speed before swerving and fleeing and later being stopped by a deputy on Monday.

Jess Keawe Galiher, 41, of Cinebar, is accused of telling a barista at a drive-thru coffee stand that "he was going to kill Chief Cournyer," then leaving the coffee stand at a high rate of speed heading directly toward Cournyer, who was in his patrol vehicle, according to court documents.

Cournyer had stopped to run a check on Galiher's vehicle after an employee at a pub in Morton informed Cournyer earlier that day that a man, identified as Galiher from his receipt, had "made a comment about killing a trooper" before leaving the pub in a white Chrysler, according to court documents.

Cournyer confirmed that the white Chrysler at the drive-thru coffee stand was registered to Galiher. The vehicle was then "observed leaving the coffee stand at a high rate of speed and heading directly toward Chief Cournyer," according to court documents. The Chrysler reportedly "swerved just before striking his vehicle and sped off."

Cournyer reportedly pursued the Chrysler, with Galiher allegedly passing

vehicles in a no passing zone at speeds of up to 50 mph in a 25 mph zone, forcing oncoming traffic to leave the roadway to avoid a collision.

"Due to heavy traffic in the area and threats made toward law enforcement with no backup, Chief Cournyer terminated his pursuit," the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office stated in charging documents.

Cournyer reportedly returned to the coffee stand to get the barista's account of the incident.

A Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputy reportedly located Galiher "a short while later," and Galiher was arrested.

Galiher was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 7:03 p.m. Monday, according to jail records.

He was charged Tuesday in Lewis County Superior Court with one count each of felony harassment and attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

"The allegations here are not in his nature whatsoever," defense attorney Rachael Tiller said of Galiher during his preliminary hearing on Tuesday, noting his lack of felony or assault-like history and adding that alcohol or drugs "may be the crux of the case."

While Tiller asked that bail be set no higher than \$10,000 and the prosecution asked for \$100,000 bail, Judge Paul Strophy opted to set Galiher's bail at \$20,000.

Arraignment is scheduled for Thursday.

## Solar panels coming to Kalama Middle School

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Kalama School District will install its first solar panels this year, thanks to a grant from the state Department of Commerce.

The Kalama School Board voted last month to accept the General Clean Energy Grant to install a new solar panel array on the roof of Kalama Middle School. The grant, which is funded through the Department of Commerce's Energy Programs in Communities program, will cover the project's total expected cost of \$664,603.

Construction is set to begin during the second quarter of 2025 and conclude by the end of the year.

"We are always looking for ways to be more efficient with school district resources," Superintendent Wesley Benjamin said. "Grant-funded opportunities like the solar project are a great way to do that."

### Saving money

Like other local districts, Kalama is facing budget challenges due to inflation and decreased enrollment. Last spring, the board approved a \$509,000 budget reduction for the 2024-2025 school year. Staff reduction and reorganization were the biggest cuts, but the proposal also called for reductions in the curriculum adoption budget, material and operating costs, and substitute wages.

The board also voted in November to request an emergency advance on the district's basic education apportionment from the state after unexpected funding and enrollment drops left it unable to pay some of this year's operating costs.

Switching to more renewable energy is another way to lower costs. According to district documents, installing the solar panels should save the district around \$7,000 in

yearly energy bills.

The district spent \$138,779.20 on electricity in the 2023-2024 school year, according to its budget summary.

### Sustainability

A 2019 study published in the journal Environmental Research Letters reports that schools account for 11% of U.S. electricity consumption and 4% of total U.S. carbon dioxide emissions.

Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases contribute to climate change, causing global temperatures to rise and increasing the frequency of extreme weather events. Air pollution can also cause heart and lung issues in people who inhale them, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Solar panels do not emit carbon dioxide when used, making them a cleaner option for energy production.

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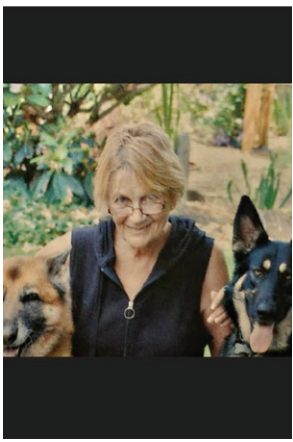
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IN MEMORIAM

**Billie Lee Pack**

May 18, 1944 - January 17, 2025



Billie Lee Pack, 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2025, in her Willow Grove home, with her beloved cat, Tuffy, by her side.

A devoted stay-at-home mother for many years, Billie extended her nurturing spirit to countless others by opening her heart and home to foster children and was always there for anyone in need of a listening ear. Her home was a welcoming haven where the coffee pot was always brewing, ready for the next visitor to stop by and enjoy laughs & good conversation.

Billie's love for animals led her to establish the Willow Grove Pet Resort, a dog kennel business she operated for many years. Her passion for dogs and dedication to their care left a lasting impact on the community.

In her leisure time, Billie enjoyed trips to the Lucky Eagle Casino. Whether luck was on her side or not, she always looked forward to the excitement of her next visit. She also found joy in maintaining her property with her trusty Husqvarna riding mower despite occasional mishaps with tree roots and broken belts.

Her pride and joy in the later years of her life was her great-granddaughter, Amelia. They shared a strong bond and spent countless hours together mowing, playing house, or indulging in Amelia's imaginative roleplaying games. Amelia was truly Billie's special girl.

Those who knew Billie were blessed by her nurturing yet no-nonsense nature, her unwavering guidance, and her unconditional love. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness and resilience that will be cherished by all whose lives she touched. She is now reunited in Heaven with sweet William, Tasha, and Beautiful Bella the three souls she missed most deeply.

Billie was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha Huntington, father, Bill Flanders, step-father, Ron Huntington, and her friend and former husband, Bill Pack.

Billie is survived by: her four daughters, Kelli (Lance) Gibbens, Carrie (Aaron) Craig, Kimber (Jakob) Curt, Jamie Loudermilk, five grandchildren, Julian, Carsen, Morgan, Mason, Bane and one great-granddaughter, Amelia. Further survived by two half-sisters, nieces, nephews & many cousins.

May her memory bring comfort to all who knew and loved her. A Celebration of Life and early 81st Birthday to honor Billie will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

**Roy I. Rochon Wilson**

July 17, 1927 - February 11, 2025



Cowlitz Chief Roy I. Rochon Wilson, aka Itswoot Wawa Hiyu – Bear Who Talks Much, passed away February 11, 2025, at the age of 97 and a half. Roy was born in a one room tin roof cabin on the Yakima Indian Reservation to Roy E. and Ethyl M. Wilson on July 17, 1927. Roy was their first child. He grew up in California and graduated from high school in 1944.

Roy led a life of 51 years of service to the Cowlitz Tribe. For 11 years he was Chairman of the Cowlitz General Council and 20 years he was Chairman of the Cowlitz Tribal Council, 10 years he served as Chairman of the Cultural Resources Board. He also founded the tribe's cultural language department. During that time he was the tribe's spiritual leader and shaman.

Roy also was a Christian pastor, retiring after 47 years of ministry. After retiring, he would still accept invitations to be a Sunday morning guest speaker even giving sermons once a month at Centralia Unity for years.

Roy loved the Medicine Wheel and its teachings for life. He was known as "Grandfather" to his followers. He taught, "I Am the Wheel and the Wheel Is Me."

Roy had a life dream of having his own traditional longhouse and was able to fulfill that dream about 12 years ago here at Bearaven in Winlock. His dream developed into having a longhouse, art gallery, and he loved to have people come to visit. Roy himself is a published author. His most noteworthy books include, Medicine Wheels, Legends of the Cowlitz Tribe, Chinook Wawa and History of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Roy is survived by his wife, Cherilyn, Winlock; three children, Winston (Connie), Port Angeles, Stephen (Shawn), Spokane and Roxene Emmel (Steven), Spokane; five stepchildren; and many grand, great-grand and great-great grandchildren; and youngest brother, George, Texas and his Cowlitz Tribal Family. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ray; sister, Annetta; grandsons David and Caleb.

**Klahowya  
Kloshe Kawkawa  
Mahsie Naika Tum Tum!**

There will be a gathering Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Borst Park Pavillion 1 in Centralia, at 2 p.m. Drumming, remembrances and potluck to follow.

**Dean Tweet**

October 20, 1936 - January 11, 2025

Dean Franklin Tweet was born Oct 20, 1936, to John and Olive Tweet of Reeder, ND. Dean enlisted in the U. S. Army from Sept '56 to July '59 where he worked as a Morse Code Interceptor with the Army Security Agency on Okinawa. Dean married Marlene Schock, Sept 15, 1962. Over the years, Dean operated the local Shell Station, Mobile Station and finally the Chevron. In 1986, he went to work for Wauna Pulp and Paper mill. Dean passed away at home, Feb 11th, at the age of 88.

Dean is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marlene Tweet, and children Rod(Susan)Tweet of Sante Fe, NM, Tracy Tweet of Stanwood, WA, Kerry(Monica) Tweet of Bend, OR, and Nancy Tweet of Portland, OR, nine grandchildren sister-in-law Betty Tweet of Glendive, MT and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Friday, 2/21 at 11 am, viewing starting at 10, at Faith Lutheran Church in Clatskanie, OR. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dean's name to Faith Lutheran Church of Clatskanie, OR or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Book reading on Rainier police chief's killing

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The 2011 killing of Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter left the entire Lower Columbia region shocked and horrified.

The author of a new book chronicling Painter's story will be appearing in Rainier on Saturday.

Author and broadcast journalist Rosemary Reynolds documented Painter's murder and the subsequent trial in her new book, "Trapped in the System: Bringing the Killer of Rainier Police Chief Ralph Painter to Justice." Reynolds will be appearing at the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum, located on the third floor of Rainier City Hall, 106 W. B St., at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

There, she will be reading a selection from the book as well as signing copies.

A limited number of copies will be available to purchase, debit or credit cards only.

Reynolds will also be donating copies of the book to the museum and the Rainier Public Library.

Painter's murder at the hands of Daniel Butts resulted in an eight-year legal saga mired in questions of whether Butts, a schizophrenic, was competent to stand trial.

The decision on whether he could be forcibly medicated was ultimately settled by the Oregon Supreme Court, clearing a path for his trial.

In 2019, Butts was sentenced to 48 years and nine months in prison.

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centers.

Data centers used 4% of total U.S. electricity in 2023, according to a newly released Department of Energy report. But that number will jump to 7-12% in the next three years alone – with regions that have become hotbeds for the facilities like the Pacific Northwest likely bearing the brunt of that.

In addition, the department cites in preliminary reports that cryptocurrency mining accounted for up to 2.3% of U.S. electricity in 2023 – the equivalent of up to six million homes.

Alice Dietz, a spokesperson at Cowlitz County Public Utility District, said the West's elimination of carbon-producing energy sources, like burning coal, has limited regional power, and the grid has capacity limitations when getting energy to Southwest Washington.

Clark and Cowlitz counties also miss out on tax breaks data centers in either rural or large urban counties can

count on, said Elijah Eells, a spokesperson for Columbia River Economic Development Council which covers Clark County.

Data centers and cryptocurrency mining operations also need lots of land, said Eells.

And land is much less expensive east of the Cascade Mountains, said Ted Sprague, president of the Cowlitz Economic Development Council, due to Cowlitz and Clark counties' prime locations along Interstate 5, a railroad mainline and the Columbia River with its deepwater international ports.

**'A drain on local infrastructure'**

Sprague said if he's looking to choose between two projects that would use 30 megawatts of power, where one creates four jobs and the other 250, "we're much more inclined to welcome the latter."

"Data centers are something we have never pursued, and something that, frankly, we are not interested in," he said. "They utilize too much power in our opinion, they do not create very many jobs, if any of all – you know,

one or two or three – and they're just a drain on local infrastructure."

Numbers back up Sprague's hesitations.

Washington let the industry off the hook for \$474 million in taxes between 2018 and 2024, a joint ProPublica and Seattle Times investigation found. Those incentives were partly intended to create jobs, but the industry won't reveal how many jobs it actually created. The number could be as low as 260 workers cumulatively.

Sprague currently has his sights set on bringing home operations that are increasingly beneficial for the region – especially through industrial symbiosis, where groups of businesses use each others' byproducts to increase overall production efficiency and lower costs.

"We've got some available land in Port of Kalama, Castle Rock, Longview – and why not start it from the beginning?" he said. "Put the puzzle together in the beginning before we just start going willy nilly and adding companies that don't benefit other companies. We want to be more intentional in our recruitment"

LEAD, from A1

**What is safe?**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration allows five parts per billion of lead in bottled water, while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency allows below 15 parts per billion in public drinking water.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, even low levels of lead can cause developmental delays in children and cardiovascular, kidney or reproductive issues in adults. Infants and young children are especially vulnerable and can be affected by smaller doses.

Similarly to the FDA, the state requires lead to be under five parts per billion in water used for drinking and cooking. Any water outlets with lead above 15 parts per billion must be shut off, but water outlets with between five and 15 parts per billion can still be used for washing hands.

**Testing results**

Three sinks at the intermediate school had lead levels at or above 15 parts per billion and nine had levels between five and 15 parts per billion, including a pre-school building kitchen sink, according to a district report. All the sinks had their faucets and water lines replaced.

Most of the sinks were not used often or at all, and were not typically used for drinking, Fritsch said. Teachers reported that some had not been used in months at the time of testing, which he said could have caused lead to accumulate.

At the middle school, four water foun-

tains, two of the four kitchen sinks and one classroom sink had lead levels above 15 parts per billion. Seven classroom sinks and two kitchen sinks had levels between five and 15 parts per billion.

The water fountains and classroom sink with lead levels higher than 15 parts per billion were permanently shut off, and the remaining sinks are scheduled to have their faucets and water lines replaced.

New water bottle filling stations with

filtered water were installed a few years ago, so access to drinking water will not be affected, Fritsch said.

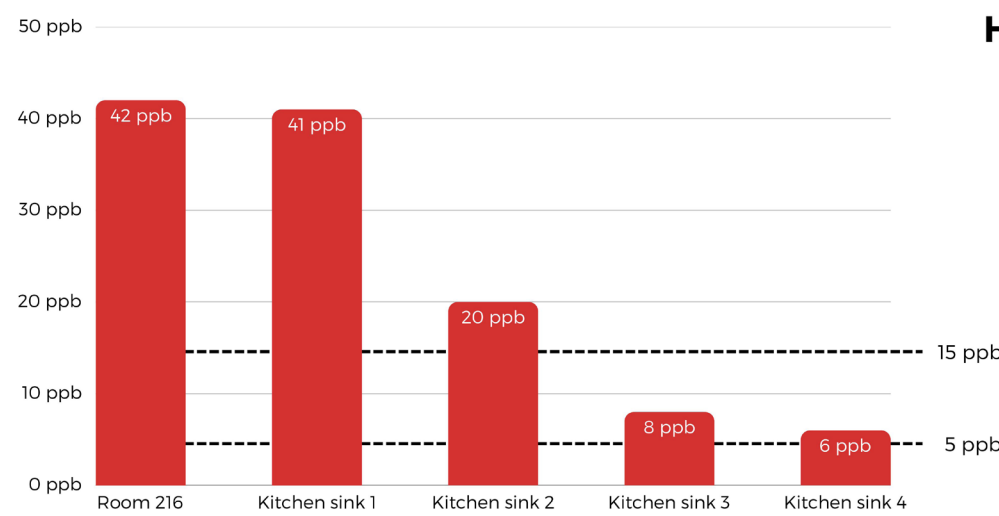
The district plans to apply for a grant from the state department of health to replace the kitchen faucets, Director of Operations Bryan Keatley said at the board meeting. They have been shut off in the meantime, and kitchen staff were instructed to use water from the sink sprayers, which did not test positive for

lead.

All affected water sources will be re-tested sometime in the next few months, but the department of health has not yet scheduled a date for that, Fritsch said.

It is not clear where the lead came from. If levels remain high when the water sources are retested, the district may need to consider replacing all its water lines, but Fritsch said that doesn't currently seem likely.

# Middle School



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### Master Gardeners to give away raised beds

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Interested in gardening, but having a hard time with your starter plot? The Washington State University Master Gardeners may be able to help.

The masters gardeners and Kellogg Supply have teamed up to give away 10 raised planting beds to promote vegetable gardening in Cowlitz County. The beds also include soil and plant starters.

Ten applicants will get a bed built for them for free.

To apply, or for more information, contact Gary Fredricks by phone at 360-577-3014, extension 4, or email garyf@wsu.edu. Applications are due on March 15.

### 2 featured artists at Broadway Gallery

Painter Scott McRae and the late 3D gourd carver Diane Springer are the featured guests for The Broadway Gallery in February.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 1418 Commerce Ave. in Longview.

McRae is a Longview resident and graduate of both Linfield College and Washington State University. He began painting professionally in 1991 and also teaches art, according to the gallery.

Springer, a resident of Battle Ground, was a long-time gallery member, according to fellow Gallery artist Debra Chase.

### WA state archives exhibit featured in Kelso

The Cowlitz County Historical Museum has a new temporary exhibit.

The exhibit "Browsing the Stacks: Washington State Archives," a selection of stories on loan from the Secretary of State's office, runs through about the end of November.

The exhibit, according to a museum press release, includes topics from 19th-century loggers to UFO sightings and the Seattle World's Fair, introducing guests to "topics that make our state unique."

During the exhibit's opening, there will be a complimentary "staff picks" section where the staff will share their favorite addition to the museum acquired in 2024. Light refreshments will also be served.

Attendance is free.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

### Roland Wines to host jazz nights

Roland Wines will be hosting jazz nights on the third Thursday of every month, according to a press release from the Longview venue.

Roland is suggesting a \$10 donation at the door.

On Thursday, Nic Johnson will be on guitar, Colin Corner on bass and Cook will return on drums. March's show will feature Dmitri Matheny's flugelhorn, Steve Christofferson's keyboard, Eric Gruber's bass and Cook's drums. Finally, the April show includes guitarist John Stowell and bass player Dave Friesen, accompanied by Alan Cook on drums.

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### Join teen nights at Longview YMCA

Teens looking for something to do on Friday nights can come to the YMCA of Southwest Washington.

Youth from 13 to 18 years old can swim, as well as play video games and basketball from 8 to 10 p.m.

There will also be food at the free, public event.

The event is set to run regularly through the year.

Participants must have guardians sign waivers before joining. For more information, call the YMCA at 360-423-4770.

### Love Street Playhouse presents 'The Miracle Worker'



BROADWAY GALLERY, CONTRIBUTED

A carved gourd by Diane Springer. Springer's work is featured in February at Broadway Gallery in Longview.

Love Street Playhouse's upcoming theatrical performance "The Miracle Worker" is running at Love Street Playhouse, 126 Loves Ave., Woodland.

"The Miracle Worker" is a historical drama following the growth of Annie Sullivan and her blind and deaf student, Hellen Keller.

Showings run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March 9. There will also be performances on Thursday, Feb. 27, and March 6. Showings are at 7:30 p.m., except for additional Sunday and Saturday matinees at 2 p.m., a press release by Love Street Playhouse stated.

To view the complete performance schedule, or to purchase tickets, call 800-966-8865. Tickets are \$26 per person, with a \$3 online ticket fee, the Love Street Playhouse website stated.

"The Miracle Worker," written by William Gibson, tells the story of Helen Keller's journey to learning communication as a blind and deaf individual. Teacher Annie Sullivan is hired to tutor Keller. After many weeks, the pair reaches a breakthrough that allows them to communicate. Keller then begins to experience the joys that life with communication can bring, the press release stated.

— *The Reflector*

### Woodland library to hold book sale

The Woodland Public Library needs to make some space on its shelves, and you can help by filling yours.

The Friends of Woodland Community Library announced they will hold a bag sale for used books at the new library, at 411 Lakeshore Dr.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For \$8, you can fill one of the library's provided bags with used books to take home. Genres available include mysteries, westerns, young adult, fantasy, sci-fi, romance, military fiction, crafting, cookbooks, non-fiction and children's books. Proceeds from the sale will support library activities and programs.

For more information, call 360-225-2294.

### 4-H program offers program for K-8 kids

Cowlitz County 4-H is offering kids the opportunity to go hands-on.

Local kids can join an outreach program, divided into two sets based on ages: kindergarten through third grade, and fourth through eighth graders. Possible project topics include baking or cooking, leather tooling, plant science and container gardening, creative arts, cardboard animals, hand sewing and basic poultry.

The programs will be held from 1-3 p.m. one Saturday a month. Younger kids started meeting earlier this month and will meet every second Saturday of the month through July 12, while older kids start Feb. 22 and meet on the fourth Saturday through July 26.

The program costs \$10 per participant.



BROADWAY GALLERY, CONTRIBUTED

A painting by Scott McRae, February featured artist at Broadway Gallery in Longview.

Kids are encourage to come to all six sessions, and there is an opportunity for participants to join 4-H, as well as to participate in the 4-H still life (non-animal) division at the Cowlitz County Fair.

Space is limited to 10 kids in each of the two programs. To reserve a space, contact at jleach@wsu.edu or 360-577-3104, extension 4.

### Local square dance club to host events

Dust off your dancing shoes; the R Square D Square Dance Club has called their next two dances.

The Boot Scootin' Boogie and Chili Feed is set for 7 p.m. on Saturday. The Shamrock Dance is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. on March 14, St. Patrick's Day. Both events will be at Catlin Hall, located at 106 NW Eighth Ave. in Kelso.

Admission is by donation, and the group is suggesting \$7. The dance will include light refreshments, door prizes and a raffle.

For more information, call Craig Abercrombie at 503-417-5482.

### Longview library hosts LongCon

Longview Public Library will host its mini-convention, LongCon, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The free event celebrates comics, graphic novels and related art. It will feature a gaming room, crafts, vendor booths and activities.

#### Schedule

10:30 a.m.: Panel discussion

11:30 a.m.: Costume contest

1:30 p.m.: Ignite LongCon

3:30 p.m.: Lip sync battle

### Southwest Washington Symphony to host auditions

The Southwest Washington Symphony has a free event this weekend.

The symphony will hold young artist auditions at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2021 Washington Way in Longview. The event showcases young artists in the area, with the winning participant to be named during the show.

The event is open to high school seniors and undergraduate students up to the age of 22 who live in Cowlitz, Columbia, Clatsop, Pacific or Wahkiakum counties. Winners will be awarded a scholarship and get to perform a solo at two shows in April.

### Northwest Voices to feature author Jane Wong

Award-winning author Jane Wong will be featured at Lower Columbia College as

part of the Northwest Voices event.

Wong will lead a writing workshop at room 148 in LCC's main building starting at 2 p.m. on March 4. There will also be a reading at the Longview Public Library at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

The events are free and open to the public.

Wong is the author of the memoir "Meet Me Tonight in Atlantic City," which won the 2023 Washington State book award, and two collections of poetry, "How to Not Be Afraid of Everything" and "Overpour." She is an associate professor at Western Washington University.

Wong has won a Pushcart Prize and has also won several fellowships and residencies, including the U.S. Fulbright Program and Harvard University's Woodberry Poetry Room.

### Registrations open for volunteer fair

The Longview Public Library has opened registration for its second annual community volunteer fair.

The event, which will run from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 8 at the library, gives local nonprofits a place to meet people looking to volunteer in the community. While the event is free, space is limited, so the library asks nonprofits to register for a spot at the event.

Volunteers do not need to register, and attendance is free for everyone participating.

Registration for the event closes on Feb. 28. The signup form is available online in the events section of the Longview Public Library's website.

### Cabaret Follies of Lower Columbia returns

Cabaret Follies of Lower Columbia returns to Longview this spring to provide entertainment to locals and donations to a Longview nonprofit.

The performances are scheduled for April 25 and 26 at the Columbia Theatre, but people can meet the director at an event before showtime.

Meet Jaime Donegan at 6 p.m. March 31 at Youth and Family Link, the recipient of the show's proceeds. Youth and Family Link is located at 907 Douglas St., Longview.

According to the nonprofit's website, Director Donegan previously owned his own production company and led Meridian Creative Artist Development Company in New York City.

Cabaret Follies first started in 1949 and holds a show roughly every two years with local volunteers.

# Castle Rock High School announces honor roll

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Castle Rock High School has announced its first semester honor roll.

### 4.00 grade point average

12th grade: Aradia Black, Lauryn Curtiss, Owen Langdon, Wyatt Orth, Trevor Rogan

11th grade: Shane Manzano, Abigail Moore, Wyatt Moore, Quinton Wimpres

10th grade: Ruby Birch, Alexis Sprouffske, Holden Stevens

9th grade: Razjah Ashley, Larissa Fulton, Alliyah Hall, Libby Ledford, Tenley Spencer, Johnathan Stommel

### 3.50-3.99 grade point average

12th grade: Alivia Andersen, Sophia Buchanan, Max Cherrington, Cory Cochran, Isaac Cory, Carl Cottrell, Marilyn Crow, Michael Cunha, Benjamin Dailey, Owen Erickson, Makaila Fishback, Andrea Grasser, Cayden Greer, Patience Harney, Halle Hill, Natalie Jackson, Samantha Jones, Casie Kleine, Jacob Lafever, Henry Louderback, Emily Marchant, Fielicity

McGee, Naomi O'Neil, Nickolas Orr, Austin Osborne, Alexander Perkins, Skylar Peterson, Landon Ramos, Alexis Shepardson, Noah Shulke, Hunter Stevens, James Wheeler

11th grade: Becca Belland, Janie Blackmer, Carlee Catlin, Drue Conway, Max Coulson, Mason Darvell, Dakota Davis, Kierra Fauver, Anthony Ferguson, Brady Hamer, Thatcher Heller, Brandon Humble, Owen Keatley, Jack Knudsen, Lillian Krull, Jamie Kysar, Kambree Lindemann, Natalie Madarash, Drake McCarty, Dawson Moore, Rylee Nation, Alyza Neal, Makynzi Newenhouse, Daniel Nye, Harly Randall, Jackson Ribelin, Sawyer Rosenlund, Adeline Sharpe, Bailey Sibbett, Brianna Slatzer, Kelsey Slatzer, Angel Smith, Ian Stanley, Bailey Stennick, Braden Swihart, Stuart Teter, Grace Tover, Joshua Tyler, Jack Van Sickle, Shyleena Watkins, Aiden Weston, Peyton White, Owen Yeager

10th grade: Adrian Alejandrez, Jayden Anderson, Hayden Ashe, Tyson Baumann Jr, Grayden Berndt, Riley Burton, Addison Cherrington, Logan Cress, Brianna Cyrus, Kennedy Davis, Rayna Davis, Kaitlyn Drake, Everest Harney, Ira Hatch, Emery Hector, Paige Kindell, Danika King, Taylor Kirby, Caleb Kochis, Everett Langdon, Jose Lara, Natalie Marchant, Ashlyn

Meyers, Emily Meyers, Riley Morgan, Teagan Morgan, Charlie Myers, Kadence Neumeyer, Emma Nevarez, Bailee Olivarri, Brooklyn Penner, Olivia Perkins, Lane Pfeifer, Aaron Randolph, Shailah Ranger, Clayton Rein, Aundraya Rister, Tucker Smith, Brooke Sutherland, Ava Vaughan, Silas Walden, Katelyn Ward, Colton Warren, Madison Weber, Arianna Wetch, Mason White, Cooper Wilkinson, Brandon Williamson, Josiah Wrzesinski

9th grade: Desiree Axon, Parker Bair, Aubrey Bolar, Kallie Bunnell, Boston Carter, Gracie Czech, Braden Dewey, Karma Dollicker, Kenzey Franklin, Ava Gilman, Kyah Griggs, Logan Guitteau, Noah Helms, Thomas Higginbotham, Emma-Ann Hodgson, Tristan Honey, Landon Isbell, Addison Johnson, Cooper Johnson, Van Kangas, Kaysen Kruckenberg, Rocco Lahcen, Claire Lair, Boden Lakey, Emily Lovell, Lucas Lukken, Kaylee Marcil, Carlie Mickens, Trenton Morrison, Gavin Nodurft, Royce Orrell, William Palmquist, Brandon Penner, Paxton Plocharsky, Payton Plocharsky, Mackenzie Reid, Michael Rhodes, Jasmine Schatz, Samuel Smith, Jordan Sprouffske, Laynie Stephenson, Alexander Storms-Velazquez, Ellie Taylor, Ranev Turner, Ali Underberg, Damion Vitus, Brycen West

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## ANOTHER VIEW | THE SEATTLE TIMES

# Trump's gutting of federal workforce threatens national security in WA

Monitoring shipping traffic in Puget Sound. Maintaining the Navy's submarine force. Preventing power outages throughout the Pacific Northwest.

These imperatives rely on highly trained professionals based in Washington state. And, as federal government employees, all have been thrown into chaos and uncertainty, thanks to President Donald Trump's continuous onslaught of executive orders.

Congress, including Washington's delegation, must do everything it can to bring awareness to and safeguard critical jobs within the government.

Elon Musk, Trump's billionaire consigliere, is bringing Big Tech's "move fast and break things" approach to core functions of the government. Here in Washington, as elsewhere, that means offers of unfunded buyouts to longtime employees and purges of those still probationary.

For example, the offers extend to employees of the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Services, an air traffic control-like operations center that prevents potentially devastating collisions of mammoth container ships, ferries and other vessels. On the other side of the state, those offers also landed in the inboxes of staff that keeps the electricity grid balanced at the Bonneville Power Administration, as well as safety engineers and other employees at the environmentally vulnerable Hanford Site. Similar cuts within the forest service raise the risk of wildfire with fewer people to fight them, here and elsewhere.

Zooming in on BPA, Randy Hardy, a former CEO there, estimates Musk's Department of Government Efficiency will reduce the 3,100-employee staff by 10% to 20%, raising the probability of blackouts in the region from about 1% up to 20%. That is a very real security threat.

This is especially preposterous when you consider that Bonneville is self-funding — that is, utilities and their ratepayers provide the dollars BPA uses to generate power and carry it through its transmission network. Trump and Musk are cutting jobs that are paid for.

Time to sound the alarm. Washington Democratic Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and Republican Rep. Dan Newhouse introduced legislation last fall to recruit and retain the BPA workforce with better pay. We should hear their voices now, as this workforce is hacked and pulled apart.

Safeguarding the nation from foreign threats is also being jeopardized. The 14,000-strong workforce at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton is one of just four such facilities in the country that can maintain the nation's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines.

In recent weeks, employees there have been hit with head-spinning executive orders. They too are invited to take Musk's offer to retire, likely reducing a force of highly trained welders, electricians and many more specialists. They are crucial to defense of our nation's Navy, which is countering threats from China, Russia and the Middle East, including an ongoing shooting war with the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

Congresswoman Emily Randall, D-Bremerton, who represents the 6th District including the shipyard, says Trump's orders, which have also led to the elimination of Employee Resource Groups, add up to workers there feeling "devalued."

"It doesn't feel like responsible defense policy to demonize the people who are keeping us safe," pointed out Randall.

None of this is to say that trimming waste in government is a bad idea. But instead of a surgery to trim the fat, Trump and Musk are bringing a meat cleaver to cut off vital workforces at the knees, without careful evaluation of the effects.

Their hatchet job is especially devastating for the earlier retirements it will bring. Recouping the institutional knowledge base walking out the door from federal service is impossible. Congress — Democrats and, yes, Republicans alike — must continue to fight these draconian cuts and others across the country to keep America, and Washington state, safe.

## MY VIEW | STEVE KELLEY



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## YOUR VIEWS

### Shutting down USAID is un-Christian

Shame on President Trump and billionaire Elon Musk for illegally cutting funds to USAID. Only Congress has the fiscal responsibility to defund programs they enacted under our Constitution.

USAID showcases our mercy, justice and kindness (Micah 6:8) to millions of hungry children while supplying lifesaving medical care.

Shame on Republicans for allowing, even applauding Musk's access to yours and my tax records. How ironic that Trump refused to share his own tax returns.

USAID is only the beginning. What other programs will be cut? Education? Social Security? Medicare?

Shame on President Trump spending our tax dollars to attend the Super Bowl. He could show fiscal responsibility by cutting the bloated White House staff and reducing his numerous trips to Mar-a-Lago. Why should taxpayers support his extravagant lifestyle while he denies food to the hungry and aid to the poorest nations, harming our image in the world.

Shame on the rest of us for doing nothing to stop Trump and the Republicans from ignoring the Constitution and trampling on the rights of all people.

The Bible calls for us to help the oppressed, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, show mercy, kindness and justice while walking humbly with our Lord.

Judy MacLeod, Kalama

### Musk and Trump are a danger to America

President Musk and Vice Pres-

ident Trump need to be stopped dead in their tracks as they further destroy our democratically elected republic.

Both President Musk and Vice President Trump are lawless in thought and deed.

The cult following who voted for the South African immigrant and the convicted felon believe that, now that Puerto Rican immigrants are incarcerated in Cuba, this will somehow open the job market so that their grandchildren will have jobs picking strawberries and lettuce, making that big money, and getting a tan to boot.

When President Musk and his small band of teenage minions closed down USAID, an agency started by President John F. Kennedy to help starving babies, children and elderly in third world nations eat, he saved about \$60 million. From that action over the next four years it is estimated millions of people will die. That is being "pro-life" for sure. After all, the children who die won't be Americans so who cares anyway (as vice president's wife wrote on her jacket 'who cares anyway? Do you?').

It is great too that we will have the President going through Social Security disability citizens. Many older people (baby boomers) grew up in the '60s, noted for hippies, drugs, etc. Not the best of people for sure. I should know, I am one. Take their money President Musk. They are not producing anything and they had their time on earth. I'm just happy 61% of white Catholics voted for President Musk. Yeah!

Joe Hobson, Longview

### Council has a responsibility to help people

Councilman Keith Young's comment that "... it's not the

government's job to care for your teeth. That's your job," to the medical panelists at the recent council workshop, I find disingenuous and frankly, repugnant.

In fact, according to the Longview City Council Protocol handbook, section 2.1 states "Fundamentally, the powers of the City Council are to be utilized for the good of the community and its residents, to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizenry." So it kinda is your job.

Being a community leader is not about "your" rights. You have an obligation to look out for past, present and future generations in our community. That's what our parents did 57 years ago when they decided to follow the science and fluoridate the water. That's what our grandparents did 80 years ago when they accepted the polio vaccine, so that their children and grandchildren never need to know what an iron lung is.

To remove fluoride from the water would hurt the poorest and most vulnerable in our community. As a community, we look out for those who have no voice and for those in need. It's what good neighbors do. It's not about "me first."

Carol Zonich, Logview

### Blitzkrieg at national level

Blitzkrieg. I love that word: an awesome offensive designed to confuse where the real emphasis will be.

This is certainly true for the current efforts at the national level. My attitude is, rather than be overly agitated by current executive orders, to wait and see what actually survives legal and political challenges.

Greg Lopic, Longview

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## ANOTHER VIEW | LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

# Credit card bill will hurt those it's supposed to help

President Donald Trump has taken many productive steps during his first weeks back in the Oval Office. But supporting a bill to cap credit card interest rates — based on a campaign promise the president made — wouldn't be one of them.

The odd couple of Sens. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont socialist, and Josh Hawley, a conservative Missouri Republican, have joined forces to craft legislation that would make it illegal for credit card issuers to charge interest rates higher than 10 percent. According to Lending Tree, the average rate in America today is 24.21%.

The reform "is a simple way to provide meaningful relief to working people," Sen. Hawley explained. "Working Americans are drowning in record credit card debt while the biggest credit card issuers get richer and richer by hiking their interest rates to the moon."

No doubt this populist plan will play well in certain circles. But it's likely to hurt many of those it's intended to help.

The irony of Sen. Hawley and other Republicans embracing this proposal is that they were quick to lampoon — correctly — Democrats and the Biden administration for floating the idea of federal price controls on food to combat inflation. Yet the credit card scheme is no different. A government-mandated cap on the cost of money is indeed a price control.

Price controls — whether on Froot Loops, eggs, gasoline or currency — create shortages and stifle innovation by disincentivizing production. An arbitrary lid on interest rates would almost certainly result in fewer Americans — particularly those struggling financially — enjoying access to credit.

That may or may not be a good idea. Easy credit can itself trigger financial strain when borrowers fail to exercise restraint and run up debt that buries them deeper in the hole. But credit, when used properly, can also be a lifeline in times of emergency.

"This bill would eliminate access to credit cards," in-

dustry leaders wrote to Congress, "for millions of consumers and drive them to sources of credit which are far more costly and less regulated."

Default rates are running at 3%, a 14-year high. If this proposal were to become law, what would be the incentive for banks to issue credit cards to borrowers who don't have stellar credit?

"Folks who are on the higher side of the risk spectrum, they're going to be denied outright," Nicholas Anthony, a policy analyst with the Cato Institute, told USA Today. "And that's where you get into a big problem. The people who need it most are effectively cut out of the system."

That will drive them away from banks to high-rate, short-term payday loan outfits or potentially more sordid lenders. Price controls are a bad idea — even when they're gussied up as helping "working Americans." They don't.

# Laid-off workers: Cuts will harm PNW

Former staffers say science, safety put at risk by cuts

ALEXANDRA DUGGAN  
The Spokesman-Review

The letter from the federal government arrived in an email Thursday. It informed the Department of Agriculture worker that he was fired.

First came a wave of panic. Then came feelings of betrayal.

“How could they be so callous?” his wife, Suzanne Anderson, asked. “Like we aren’t people? His name is just text on a spreadsheet. We are not people to them.”

Dennis is 61, lives in Moscow, Idaho, and works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture studying plants on the rolling hills of the Palouse. He declined to share his last name for fear of retaliation from the same government officials who fired him. The whirlwind of emotions from being fired, as part of President Donald Trump’s efforts to slash federal spending by terminating large portions of the workforce, left him feeling too disjointed to articulate his feelings Saturday.

So Anderson spoke for him. “Next week is his last paycheck. We don’t have health care. It’s not easy to get another job,” she said. “We love the Palouse ... We raised our family here. We wanted to retire here. Are we going to have to leave?”

Dennis’ letter — the same letter thousands of employees in the federal government received Thursday — told him something Anderson could only describe as “a total lie.”

“The Agency finds, based on your performance, that you have not demonstrated that your further employment at the Agency would be in the public interest,” the letter said. “For this reason, the Agency informs you that the Agency is removing you from your position.”

Layoffs are happening throughout the federal government, with large cuts to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Interior Department and others. The New York Times reported that the layoffs targeted most of an estimated 200,000 workers who were on probation, a period of time in which employees are easier to remove. Probation is required of all federal employees who enter a new position within the government, and it is not an indicator of poor performance or wrongful behavior.

As of Saturday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has fired around 3,400 employees, according to a news release from U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell. This includes the loss of 1,400 U.S. Forest Service employees, said Matthew Brossard, vice president of the Forest Service Council. More terminations are expected in the coming days.

Brossard is working to tabulate the employees who have been let go, but the numbers are “hard to comprehend,” he said. The gap left from these workers will be significant, Brossard warned.

Dennis was on probation as a new plant scientist for the USDA. He has felt like he was going to be on the chopping block for a while. Before his termination, he was getting signals that he and other employees were barred from speaking to the media.

While his letter told him his termination was based on his performance, nothing about Dennis’ work indicated he was underperforming. His

boss is even trying to fight his termination, Anderson said. He must try to disprove his “performance-based” firing in an attempt to receive unemployment benefits.

The hills of the Palouse are covered with wheat, lentils and other food crops. It’s home to some of the highest-yielding dryland wheat fields in the world, with farmers often harvesting 100 bushels or more per acre. Dennis’ job is to continue researching those crops: how they grow, how they flourish and how drastic changes in weather or droughts can affect a farmer’s harvest.

The government can rely on that research to communicate with farmers about crop production, Anderson said. Farmers also are given open invitations to tour with the researchers, and the two groups tend to learn from each other.

“The science and the research is important to get what they need. It comes down to economics. Changes in the environment change crops and can change the soil. Researchers have to look at those things. The wheat farmers, especially,” she said. “They need the researchers. We are all tied together in Washington and Idaho. It’s not just the wheat, it’s all the crops. It’s vital for food.”

So does the administration know how vital the Palouse’s crop production is to the world? “No,” Anderson said. “The manner in which these firings were executed, they clearly didn’t do their research.”

The government has declined to say how many workers have been laid off in the states of Washington and Idaho.

“Secretary Rollins fully supports President Trump’s directive to optimize government operations, eliminate inefficiencies, and strengthen USDA’s ability to better serve American farmers, ranchers, loggers and the agriculture community. We have a solemn responsibility to be good stewards of Americans’ hard-earned taxpayer dollars and to ensure that every dollar is being spent as effectively as possible to serve the people, not the bureaucracy,” an email from a USDA spokesperson said. “As part of this effort, USDA has released individuals in their probationary period of employment. We are confident that talented individuals who have been affected by this change will have many opportunities to contribute to our economy and society in countless ways outside of government.”

Across the state of Washington lives Anna Coburn, 31. Every day in her work as a lead park ranger, she walks the trails on the north side of Mount St. Helens, which erupted in the summer of 1980, claiming the lives of 57 people.

“I love people,” Coburn said. “I love the planet.”

Like Dennis, Coburn received the same letter template via email on Thursday, which told her she, along with other colleagues at her station, was terminated from the job she had spent three college degrees and many years trying to obtain. Coburn’s father died last year, and the feeling of grief that swept over her was palpable. The grief of losing the job she loved feels like it’s on the same spectrum, she said Saturday.

“It’s not as big as that, but it’s the helplessness and grief I feel, especially for everyone who have worked so hard to get where they are. You have to work hard in the federal service to make nothing. You have to pay your dues,” she said. “Now I have to

start at square one. This job market is not prepared for this.”

The volcano that made national news draws visitors from around the world. It’s an epicenter for ecological studies, a dream location for park rangers and an optimal destination for tourists. Coburn looks to the volcano as a scientific revelation and its rippling impact across the United States, especially one that took so many lives.

“Because of that, people are motivated to go around the globe in the science community and help local agencies do better work, evacuations and disaster response. It changed the world in so many ways,” she said. “We have people from all over the planet come because they are so excited about what Mount St. Helens means to the world. It’s so important to have (us) up there, not only for those who lost their lives, but the people who remember it.”

Impacts on wildfire response will be consequential, workers warn

The Trump administration promised wildland firefighters they would be safe from termination. But that pledge doesn’t apply to those who are the second line of defense during wildfire season.

“I received a notice of an employee’s termination who is on a fire assignment in Louisiana,” Brossard said. “They were let go. And they don’t know how they’re getting home at this point. The (Trump) administration doesn’t want anyone to know about that.”

When wildfires ignite, firefighters head straight to the flames with their axes and hard hats while helicopters zoom overhead. As they do the work, they look to other workers for support: dispatchers, mechanics or forest protection planners. Public information officers take details from those people and distribute them to help reach people and keep them safe.

Such positions were among those gutted last week, Brossard said.

“You’re going to have this huge gap going into fire season of a critical position to inform the public what is going on on their lands,” Brossard said. “In the Forest Service, there are office positions for fires. There are extra dispatchers.

There is ground support. They’re all being let go. Everything in the Forest Service is going to be affected. They’re going after the support people, the people who do all the work on these incidents; it’s all going to be limited.”

Riva Duncan has spent more than 30 years in the Forest Service responding to wildfires. After her retirement in 2020, she became the vice president of the nonprofit Grassroots Wildland Firefighters. The organization is meant to address concerns raised by wildland firefighters, like healthcare, pay or workers’ compensation claims.

“A vast majority of people let go is nonfire. But what the public needs to know is they still fight fire,” Duncan said. “That might not be their full-time job, but everybody helps. They fill in on engines, hand crews, helicopters and provide a ton of behind-the-scenes support, like logistics, food, water, planning and more. There is a giant group of people behind the scenes supporting fire, and firefighters cannot do those jobs without them.”

Duncan now lives in North Carolina, but she spent several of her years working in Oregon, where wildfires tend to rage every summer. She has also spent time fighting fires near Spokane.

Duncan knows all too well the importance of

wildfire response in areas like Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, because those are areas with evergreen forests, tall trees and dry soil.

“When there’s a lightning storm in the PNW, which happens every summer, there are numerous fires at once. It’s an all-hands-on-deck thing,” Duncan said. “It’s going to affect response times. Some of these people fill in when people are sick or on leave. This will have far-reaching effects, and the public needs to be concerned.”

Because those areas are so rural, many of the federal workers in those small towns have nowhere else to seek work once they are let go, Duncan said. And when they leave, they’ll take their spouse with them. Those spouses may work in sectors like education, so fleeing the town with their partner who was just fired will also leave the town with one less teacher.

“The people who answer the phone to sell permits or to tell you if a recreation site is open, a lot of those folks were fired, too,” Duncan said. “It’s going to have a ripple effect; it will affect a lot more people than those folks who were fired.”

While workers like Coburn are finding it hard to rationalize the reality of being fired, she knows too many people take her position for granted. Rangers are there to teach people the history of the ground they stand on, to direct them toward pleasure or to warn them of danger. Losing an entire lead team at Mount St. Helens is detrimental to those who want to experience the same joy of the volcano that Coburn does, she said.

“Park rangers keep your parks open ... We clean your bathrooms. We keep the trails groomed. We are in your visitors centers. We



COURTNEY TALAK, THE DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO

Mount St. Helens peeks above a ridgeline of trees in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 2021.

are keeping the public safe when they’re enjoying the land,” Coburn said.

Too often, tourists arrive at the mountain unequipped for a long hike. Some don’t pack enough food or water, and some don’t read the signs or maps. Some get lost and have to be rescued. There are too many instances to count where a life has been saved by a park ranger, Coburn said.

“I regularly help people who have fallen or who are suffering,” she said. “We had a lady come from the cruise ship ... Last year she fell and busted her head open. We were so far up the road, and we are far from medical. I was there to help command the scene and hold her head closed for an hour.”

Park rangers teach, bring people water or patrol the trails, Coburn says, but first and foremost, they are there to help. Now that she has no position to go back to, she has no idea what’s next.

Neither do Dennis and his wife. The two are trying to stay calm in a quickly changing environment.

While both consider themselves fortunate for what they already have — a home that is paid off and

no extra mouths to feed — Anderson says she’s worried about the younger federal workers who are beginning to have children and have to find a new source of income at the drop of a hat.

“My heart goes out to people who don’t know if they’ll be able to put food on the table,” she said. “Imagine being told you’re terminated, but now you have to fight for unemployment. They’re trying to wear people down.”

Coburn has sent her résumé to every place she can think of — she’s tried the Washington parks department, which she’s pretty confident has a “stack” of résumés after the mass layoffs. She also applied for a job at Home Depot to find a source of income until she lands back in her chosen field.

Everything she’s worked for since she left Mount St. Helens the first time to get her master’s degree feels gone, she says. Like she’s starting at square one.

“Being told to leave because I’m not fit for the public is absolutely insulting,” Coburn said. “I was very proud of the role I had this past season, and it meant a lot to me.”

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# NATION & WORLD

## DIGEST

### President signs order to study how to expand IVF

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order to study how to expand access to in vitro fertilization and make it more affordable.

The order calls for policy recommendations to “protect IVF access and aggressively reduce out-of-pocket and health plan costs for such treatments,” according to the White House.

On the campaign trail, Trump called for universal coverage of IVF treatment after his Supreme Court nominees helped to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, leading to a wave of restrictions in GOP-led states, including some that threatened access to IVF by trying to define life as beginning at conception.

Trump also signed an order outlining oversight functions of the Office of Management and Budget and a presidential memorandum setting “radical transparency requirements” for the government.

### Questions emerge about cause of Toronto crash

TORONTO — Investigators will consider weather conditions and the possibility of human error or an aircraft malfunction as they try to determine why a Delta Air Lines jet burst into flames and flipped upside down as it tried to land in Toronto, aviation experts said Tuesday.

Witnesses and video from the scene Monday afternoon shows the plane landing so hard its right wing is sheared off. It bursts into flames before sliding down the runway and flipping over. All 80 people on board the flight from Minneapolis to Toronto’s Pearson International Airport survived.

All but two of the 21 people injured on the flight were released from hospitals, the airport CEO said Tuesday.

#### BRIEFLY

**DOGE:** On Tuesday, a federal judge in Washington refused to immediately block billionaire Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency from accessing government data systems or participating in worker layoffs.

**TRUMP CABINET:** The Senate confirmed wealthy financier Howard Lutnick as commerce secretary Tuesday, putting in place a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump’s hard-line trade policies.

**WHISTLEBLOWER:** The Supreme Court should reject an emergency appeal from the Trump administration that asks for quick action to allow the firing of the head of the federal agency that protects whistleblowers, lawyers for Hampton Dellinger told justices Tuesday.

**ZIZIANS:** Jack Lasota, the leader of the cultlike Zizians group that is connected to the Jan. 20 killing of a U.S. Border patrol agent in Vermont and five other homicides in two other states, was ordered held without bail Tuesday in Maryland, where she faces trespassing and other charges.

**NYC MAYOR:** New York Gov. Kathy Hochul met with key political figures Tuesday as she contemplates removing Mayor Eric Adams from office. Adams faces questions about his ability to independently govern the city following a Justice Department move to drop his corruption case so he can better assist in President Donald Trump’s immigration crackdown.

**BOLSONARO:** Brazil’s prosecutor-general formally charged former President Jair Bolsonaro on Tuesday with attempting a coup to stay in office after his 2022 election defeat, in a plot that included a plan to poison his successor and current President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and kill a Supreme Court judge.

— Associated Press

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## WAR IN UKRAINE

# Russia, US to boost ties

Without Kyiv, officials talk of ending conflict in landmark meeting

MATTHEW LEE AND DASHA LITVINOVA  
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Russia and the U.S. agreed Tuesday to start working toward ending the war in Ukraine and improving their diplomatic and economic ties, the two countries’ top diplomats said after talks, which reflected an extraordinary about-face in U.S. foreign policy under President Donald Trump.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said after the meeting the two sides agreed broadly to pursue three goals: to restore staffing

at their respective embassies in Washington and Moscow, to create a high-level team to support Ukraine peace talks and to explore closer relations and economic cooperation.

He said the talks — which were attended by his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, and other senior Russian and U.S. officials — marked the beginning of a conversation, and more work needs to be done.

Lavrov echoed Rubio’s remarks and told reporters that “the conversation was very useful.”

Trump’s national security adviser, Michael Waltz, and special Mideast envoy Steven Witkoff joined Rubio at the table, along with Lavrov and Russian President Vladimir Putin’s foreign af-

fairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov.

No Ukrainian officials were present at the meeting, which came as the beleaguered country steadily loses ground against more numerous Russian troops in a grinding war that began almost three years ago.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country would not accept any outcome from the talks since Kyiv didn’t take part, and he postponed his own trip to the kingdom scheduled for Wednesday.

European allies also expressed concerns that they are being sidelined.

Ties between Russia and the U.S. fell to their lowest level in decades in recent years — a rift that widened after Russia illegally

annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 and only worsened after Moscow’s full-scale invasion.

Tuesday’s meeting was meant to pave the way for a summit between Trump and Putin. After the talks ended, Ushakov and Waltz said no date was set yet for that summit.

The recent U.S. diplomatic blitz on the war has sent Ukraine and key allies scrambling to ensure a seat at the table amid concerns that Washington and Moscow could press ahead with a deal that won’t be favorable to them.

Kyiv’s absence at Tuesday’s talks rankled many Ukrainians, and France called an emergency meeting of European Union countries and the U.K. on Monday to discuss the war.

## MIDDLE EAST



ABDEL KAREEM HANA, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Displaced Palestinians wait to cross a security checkpoint Tuesday at the Netzarim corridor as they make their way from to the northern Gaza Strip.

# Hamas to free six living hostages

Group says it will hand over four more bodies, expanding releases

SAMY MAGDY AND NATALIE MELZER  
Associated Press

CAIRO — A top Hamas official said the militant group will free six living Israeli hostages Saturday and return the bodies of four others Thursday, a surprise acceleration in releases that apparently comes in return for Israel’s allowing mobile homes and construction equipment into the devastated Gaza Strip.

The six are the last living hostages scheduled to be freed under

the ceasefire’s first phase. The warring sides have yet to negotiate the second and more difficult phase, in which Hamas would release dozens more hostages in exchange for a lasting ceasefire and an Israeli withdrawal.

Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya, in recorded remarks released Tuesday, said the “Bibas family” would be included in the handover of four bodies, apparently referring to Shiri Bibas and her two young sons, Ariel and Kfir, who for many Israelis embody the captives’ plight.

“In the past few hours, we have been in turmoil,” surviving members of the Bibas family said in a statement released Tuesday by a

group representing the relatives of hostages. “Until we receive definitive confirmation, our journey is not over.”

Hamas said the Bibas family members were killed in an Israeli airstrike early in the war. Yarden Bibas, the husband and father, was kidnapped separately and released this month.

Israel is expected to continue releasing hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, including many serving life sentences, in exchange for the hostages. Others were detained without charge. During the first phase, Israel is also due to release all women and children seized from Gaza since the war began.

Major challenges still lie ahead. Israel’s government says it wants to eliminate Hamas’ military and governing capabilities in Gaza.

In addition, U.S. President Donald Trump’s proposal to permanently remove Gaza’s population of about 2 million Palestinians so the U.S. can redevelop the territory is widely rejected by the Arab world and by Palestinians, who say they want to stay in their homeland.

Israel embraced the plan, and it and the Trump administration have emphasized they share the same goals in the war.

Egypt is working on a plan to rebuild without moving Palestinians.

# Kennedy announces he will investigate vaccines

During confirmation, the nominee promised not to change schedule

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — To earn the vote he needed to become the nation’s top health official, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. made a promise to a U.S. senator: He would not change the nation’s vaccination schedule.

But on Tuesday, speaking for the first time to thousands of U.S. Health and Human Services agency employees, he vowed to investigate the childhood vaccine schedule that prevents measles, polio and other dangerous diseases.

“Nothing is going to be off limits,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy’s remarks, which circulated on social media, were delivered during a welcome ceremony for the new health secretary at the agency’s headquarters in Washington as a measles outbreak among mostly unvaccinated people raged in West Texas. The event was held after a weekend of mass firings of thousands of HHS employees. More dismissals are expected.

Rigorous studies of thousands of people followed by decades of real-world use have proven that the vaccines approved by the Food and Drug Administration for both children and adults safely and effectively prevent diseases.

# Judge questions motives for trans military ban

Trump order directs US to exclude those service members

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge questioned President Donald Trump’s motives Tuesday for issuing an executive order that calls for banning transgender troops from serving in the U.S. military.

U.S. District Judge Ana Reyes indicated that she won’t rule before early March on whether to temporarily block the Trump administration from enforcing the order, which plaintiffs’ attorneys said illegally discriminates against transgender troops.

But her questions and remarks during Tuesday’s hearing suggest she is deeply skeptical of the administration’s reasoning for ordering a policy change.

“If you were in a foxhole, would you care about these individuals’ gender identity?” the judge asked a government attorney, who answered that it “would not be a primary concern of mine.”

Trump’s Jan. 27 order claims the sexual identity of transgender service members “conflicts with a soldier’s commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle, even in one’s personal life” and is harmful to military readiness. It requires the secretary of defense to issue a revised policy.

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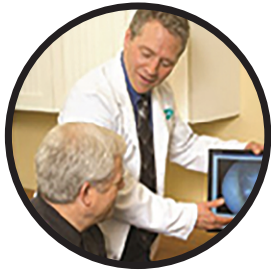
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## Lumberjacks weather Rapids



ANDREW LWOWSKI, THE DAILY NEWS

R.A. Long's TraMayne Jenkins (white) goes for a layup in traffic against Columbia River in the district semifinals game Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Lumberdome.

### RA Long locks state tournament ticket

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It took a full 32 minutes for R.A. Long to handle business Tuesday night.

Behind Joshua Crane's and Cameron Newsome's combined 43 points and a much more aggressive second half, the Lumberjacks weathered the Rapids in the 2A District IV semifinals, 63-58, to lock their trip to the state tournament and play for the District Championship Friday.

R.A. Long and Columbia River split its regular season meetings, with the Rapids handing the Lumberjacks their lone loss of the season, albeit by one point, in December. The Lumberjacks chewed out a low scoring 48-42 win in the rematch at home

on Jan. 24.

But the Lumberjacks wouldn't be denied. The Rapids were able to drive to the basket while the Jacks displayed somewhat uncharacteristic defense in the first quarter. After trading buckets, R.A. Long trailed Columbia River 16-14 after the first quarter.

The Rapids lead grew to as many as seven with 2:33 remaining in the first half, but the Jacks stayed in the game and trailed 29-28 at half.

R.A. Long coach Jeray Key said they didn't execute well in the first half and allowed too many second-chance points, so he challenged them to grab a lead and apply pressure.

And they did.

Joshua Crane, who had a 30-point performance over Washougal in the quar-

terfinals, opened the third quarter for the Lumberjacks with a 3-pointer to give them their first lead since the first quarter.

The rest of the team followed suit, playing with more intent and becoming the aggressor, starting with TraMayne Jenkins.

"I know I didn't do anything in the first half and it just sparked me," Jenkins said. "I was like, I have to go get boards, I have to be that Swiss Army Knife for the team and I'm the leader, so it started with the rebounds."

R.A. Long pushed its lead to as many as seven in the third quarter, though the lead narrowed to 42-39 heading into the fourth quarter.

Crane scored 14 of his 23 points in the

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## Monarchs down Spudders

### MM and RAL set for rematch in district championship game

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Mark Morris' Dalton Stevens found himself with the ball trapped with a few seconds left on the shot clock with less than two minutes left in the district semifinals against Ridgefield with the Monarchs up 10 points. He pump faked three times and threw up a desperation 3-pointer while falling to the ground.

"I could see the hoop, but it was a very thin, narrow line of sight so I just pumped faked and the guy went by and I saw it for a glimpse and threw up a prayer," he said.

The prayer was answered as he sank the shot with 1:31 left on the clock for 3 of his team-high 18 points and the Monarchs hung on for the 71-57 victory over the Spudders on Tuesday night.

With the win, the Monarchs advanced to the district championship game for the 25th time in the last 30 years and punched their 44th ticket to the state tournament.

Mark Morris was up 54-49 with 5:30 left in the contest at Bill Bakamus Gymnasium. Nathan Stephens hit two straight triples and Stevens had a strong drive to the rim for 2 to put the Monarchs up by 10 with about three minutes left.

Stevens had 10 points in the fourth quarter and finished the game with 15 points. Earlier that day, Mark Morris coach Ken Kelly predicted that his TA would have a stellar game.

"I told him 'Nate, there's gonna be a time here, it might be tonight, where everything kind of comes together and you're gonna stick a couple of shots,'" Kelly said. "I'm not saying I'm Nostradamus, but I'm not saying I'm not."

Carson Bogner and Drew Ibaretta were also in double figures



DAN ROSENFELD, THE DAILY NEWS

Mark Morris' Dalton Stevens drives to the basket game against Ridgefield on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Bill Bakamus Gymnasium.

with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Bogner had 11 points in the first half alone.

The game was tied at 36-36 prior to a quick 5-0 run from the

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# BY THE NUMBERS

## Must-see TV

**College men's basketball**  
Friday, 5 p.m., FOX

A battle for first in the Big Ten between intrastate rivals Michigan and Michigan State is huge.

## Catch it if you can

**NBA**  
Friday, 4 p.m., ESPN  
Two of the top three teams in the Eastern Conference meet when Cleveland hosts the New York Knicks.

## Worth a peek

**PGA**  
Thursday, 1 p.m., Golf Channel  
The PGA Tour moves south of the border for the Mexico Championship at Vidanta Vallarta in Jalisco, Mexico.

## On in the background

**College women's basketball**  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Big Ten Network  
No. 25 Illinois looks to gain some ground in the Big Ten race when it takes to the road to face No. 3 UCLA.

## Thursday

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

**3:30 p.m.**  
FS1 – Northwestern at Ohio St.

**4 p.m.**  
CBSSN – Monmouth at Hofstra

ESPNU – UNC-Asheville at Radford

**5:30 p.m.**  
FS1 – Southern Cal at Maryland

**6 p.m.**  
CBSSN – Louisiana Tech at MTSU

ESPN2 – Wichita St. at FAU  
ESPNU – Sam Houston St. at W. Kentucky

**8 p.m.**  
ESPN2 – Loyola Marymount at Santa Clara

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

**2 p.m.**  
ESPNU – Le Moyne at Fairleigh Dickinson

**3 p.m.**  
ACCN – North Carolina at Syracuse

**4 p.m.**  
ESPN2 – Louisville at Duke  
PEACOCK – Ohio St. at Indiana

SECN – Arkansas at South Carolina

**4:30 p.m.**  
BTN – Maryland at Northwestern

**5 p.m.**  
ACCN – Stanford at Virginia Tech

**6 p.m.**  
SECN – Georgia at LSU

**6:30 p.m.**  
BTN – Illinois at UCLA

### FIGURE SKATING

**5 a.m.**  
E! – ISU Four Continents Championships, Seoul, South Korea (Taped)

**GOLF**  
**2 a.m.**  
GOLF – DP World Tour: Kenya Open, First Round, Nairobi City, Kenya

**1 p.m.**  
GOLF – PGA Tour: Mexico Championship, First Round, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

**7 p.m.**  
GOLF – LPGA Tour: Honda Thailand, Second Round, Pattaya, Chon Buri, Thailand

**MLB BASEBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
MLBN – Spring Training: Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers, Glendale, Ari.

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**4 p.m.**  
TNT – Boston at Philadelphia  
TRUTV – Boston at Philadelphia (DataCast)

**6:30 p.m.**  
TNT – Phoenix at San Antonio  
TRUTV – Phoenix at San Antonio (DataCast)

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPN – 4 Nations Face-Off: Canada vs. U.S., Championship, Boston

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**9:40 a.m.**  
CBSSN – UEFA Europa League: FC Porto at AS Roma

**12 p.m.**  
CBSSN – UEFA Europa League: FC Midtjylland at Real Sociedad

**4:55 p.m.**  
FS2 – CONCACAF Champions



AP FILE PHOTO

Vladislav Goldin (50) leads the Big Ten-leading Michigan Wolverines against in-state rival Michigan State on Friday.

Cup: Vancouver at Saprissa, First Round - Leg 1

**SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**  
**11:50 a.m.**  
FS2 – CONCACAF U-20 Championship Group Stage: Costa Rica vs. Aruba, Group F, Couva, Trinidad and Tobago

**5 p.m.**  
TBS – SheBelieves Cup Group Stage: U.S. vs. Colombia, Houston

**TENNIS**  
**2 a.m.**  
TENNIS – Dubai-WTA, Doha-ATP Early Rounds

**3 a.m.**  
TENNIS – Dubai-WTA, Doha-ATP Quarterfinals; Rio de Janeiro-ATP Early Rounds

**Friday**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**3 p.m.**  
CBSSN – Bowling Green at Toledo

**4 p.m.**  
ESPN2 – Dayton at Loyola of Chicago  
FS1 – Marquette at Villanova

**5 p.m.**  
FOX – Michigan St. at Michigan  
CBSSN – Kent State at Miami (Ohio)

**6 p.m.**  
ESPNU – Milwaukee at Youngstown St.

**COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)**  
**4 p.m.**  
SECN – LSU at Kentucky

**5:30 p.m.**  
SECN – Auburn at Alabama

**6 p.m.**  
ESPN2 – Florida at Oklahoma

**COLLEGE WRESTLING**  
**4 p.m.**  
ACCN – NC State at Virginia Tech

**GOLF**  
**2 a.m.**  
GOLF – DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Second Round Nairobi City, Kenya

**1 p.m.**  
GOLF – PGA Tour: Mexico Championship, 2nd Round, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

**7:30 p.m.**  
GOLF – LPGA Tour: The Honda LPGA Thailand, Third Round, Pattaya, Chon Buri, Thailand

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**4:10 p.m.**

ESPN – New York at Cleveland

**6:35 p.m.**  
ESPN – Minnesota at Houston

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**12 p.m.**  
USA – Premier League: Brentford FC at Leicester City

**Saturday**  
**AUTO RACING**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
FS1 – Truck Series: The Fr8 208, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.

**2 p.m.**  
CW – Xfinity Series: The Bennett Transportation & Logistics 250, Hampton, Ga.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**9 a.m.**  
CBSSN – Charleston at Drexel

**11 a.m.**  
ACCN – Georgia Tech at Boston College

**BTN – Penn St. at Minnesota**  
CBSSN – UNC-Wilmington at Hampton

**ESPN – Iowa St. at Houston**  
ESPN2 – Wake Forest at NC State

**ESPNU – Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech**  
**11:15 a.m.**  
CW – Pittsburgh at Notre Dame

**11:30 a.m.**  
USA – Rhode Island at Saint Louis

**12:30 p.m.**  
SECN – Mississippi at Vanderbilt

**1 p.m.**  
ACCN – Clemson at SMU  
CBSSN – George Mason at VCU

**CBS – Oklahoma St. at Kansas**  
ESPN – Virginia at North Carolina

**FS1 – Washington at Iowa**  
**3 p.m.**  
ACCN – Virginia Tech at Miami

**CBSSN – Santa Clara at Washington St.**

ESPN – Kentucky at Alabama  
ESPNU – Murray State at Bradley

FS1 – Boise St. at Nevada  
SECN – Florida at LSU

**5 p.m.**  
CBSSN – San Diego St. at Utah St.

ESPNU – Tarleton St. at UT Arlington  
FOX – Duke at Illinois

FS1 – Butler at DePaul  
**5:30 p.m.**  
SECN – Texas at South Carolina

**7 p.m.**  
CBSSN – Colorado St. at UNLV

ESPN – BYU at Arizona  
ESPN2 – California at Stanford

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
**9 a.m.**  
BTN – Penn St. at Michigan  
ESPNU – Kent St. at Ball St.

**11:30 a.m.**  
FOX – Iowa St. at Baylor

**COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)**  
**9 a.m.**  
ACCN – Stanford at Virginia

**GOLF**  
**1:30 a.m.**  
GOLF – DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Third Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi City, Kenya

**10 a.m.**  
GOLF – PGA Tour: The Mexico Championship, Third Round, VidantaWorld, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

**12 p.m.**  
NBC – PGA Tour: The Mexico Championship, Third Round, VidantaWorld, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

**7:30 p.m.**  
GOLF – LPGA Tour: The Honda LPGA Thailand, Final Round, Siam Country Club, Pattaya, Chon Buri, Thailand

**1 a.m. (Sunday)**  
GOLF – DP World Tour: The Kenya Open, Third Round, Muthaiga Golf Club, Nairobi City, Kenya

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)**  
**1 p.m.**  
ESPNU – Montverde Academy (Fla.) vs. IMG Academy (Fla.)

**LACROSSE (MEN'S)**  
**7 p.m.**  
ESPNU – NLL: Buffalo at San Diego

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
ABC – L.A. Lakers at Denver

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
ABC – Minnesota at Detroit

**12 p.m.**  
ABC – Washington at Pittsburgh

**4 p.m.**  
NHLN – Carolina at Toronto

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**4:30 a.m.**  
USA – Premier League: Manchester U. at Everton

**7 a.m.**  
USA – Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Ipswich Town

**9:30 a.m.**  
NBC – Premier League: Chelsea at Aston Villa

**VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
CBS – Pro Volleyball Federation: TBA

## BASKETBALL

### NBA standings EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	16	.709	–
New York	36	18	.667	2½
Philadelphia	20	34	.370	18½
Brooklyn	20	34	.370	18½
Toronto	17	38	.309	22

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	27	29	.482	–
Atlanta	26	29	.473	½
Miami	25	28	.472	½
Charlotte	13	39	.250	12
Washington	9	45	.167	17

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	10	.815	–
Indiana	30	23	.566	13½
Milwaukee	29	24	.547	14½
Detroit	29	26	.527	15½
Chicago	22	33	.400	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	36	18	.667	–
Houston	34	21	.618	2½
Dallas	30	26	.536	7
San Antonio	23	29	.442	12
New Orleans	13	42	.236	23½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	44	10	.815	–
Denver	36	19	.655	8½
Minnesota	31	25	.554	14
Portland	23	32	.418	21½
Utah	13	41	.241	31

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	20	.615	–
L.A. Clippers	31	23	.574	2
Sacramento	28	27	.509	5½
Golden State	28	27	.509	5½
Phoenix	26	28	.481	7

No Games scheduled.  
**Tuesday**  
No Games scheduled.  
**Wednesday's game**  
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers

**Thursday's games**  
Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.  
Memphis at Indiana, 4 p.m.  
Chicago at New York, 4:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.  
Orlando at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.  
Charlotte at Denver, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 7 p.m.

**Friday's games**  
Memphis at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Washington, 4 p.m.  
New York at Cleveland, 4 p.m.  
Miami at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.  
Detroit at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.  
New Orleans at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Houston, 6:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Utah, 6:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

**Saturday's games**  
Phoenix at Chicago, 2 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.  
LA Lakers at Denver, 5:30 p.m.  
Houston at Utah, 6:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Portland, 7 p.m.

### NBA LEADERS

#### At the All-Star break

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Gilgeous-Alex., OKC	53596	419	1720	32.5	
Antetokompo, MIL	41	521	254	1302	31.8
Jokic, DEN	49	556	247	1458	29.8
Maxe, PHI	46	442	232	1269	27.6
Edwards, MIN	54	494	268	1483	27.5
Durant, PHO	41	408	208	1121	27.3
Tatum, BOS	52	475	267	1406	27.0
Booker, PHO	48	411	309	1256	26.2
Brunson, NY	53	478	306	1384	26.1
Lillard, MIL	44	350	280	1133	25.8
Davis, DAL	43	410	257	1107	25.7
Cunningham, DET	50	475	210	1271	25.4
Towns, NY	49	435	240	1212	24.7
Irving, DAL	44	395	165	1084	24.6
Fox, SA	50	454	226	1232	24.6
James, LAL	48	448	164	1167	24.3
Wembanyama, SA	46	408	158	1116	24.3
Powell, LAC	45	379	181	1090	24.2
Mitchell, CLE	51	430	177	1221	23.9
Herro, MIA	51	423	182	1217	23.9

FG PERCENTAGE			
	FG	FGA	PCT
Kessler, UTA	206	287	.718
Allen, CLE	299	427	.700
Gafford, DAL	253	362	.699
Duren, DET	234	337	.694
Gobert, MIN	235	360	.653
Zubac, LAC	351	574	.611
Poeltl, TOR	280	459	.610
Antetokompo, MIL	521	857	.608
Sabonis, SAC	416	693	.600
Braun, DEN	316	547	.578

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE			
	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Kennard, MEM	86	180	.478
Prince, MIL	98	212	.462
Sabonis, SAC	56	123	.455
Jokic, DEN	99	220	.450
Ellis, SAC	93	208	.447
LaVine, CHI	136	305	.446
Towns, NY	102	233	.438
Hachimura, LAL	76	175	.434
Allen, PHO	109	252	.433
Garland, CLE	156	362	.431

REBOUNDS					
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Sabonis, SAC	52	216	543	759	14.6
Towns, NY	49	152	505	657	13.4
Zubac, LAC	52	199	457	656	12.6
Jokic, DEN	49	147	470	617	12.6
Antetokompo, MIL	41	94	405	499	12.2
Davis, DAL	43	123	392	515	12.0
Kessler, UTA	42	189	307	496	11.8
Wembanyama, SA	46	82	424	506	11.0
Sengün, HOU	52	172	372	544	10.5
Gobert, MIN	55	194	379	573	10.4

ASSISTS				
	G	AST	AVG	
Young, ATL	51	587	11.5	
Jokic, DEN	49	502	10.2	
Cunningham, DET	50	470	9.4	
James, LAL	48	431	9.0	

SCORES

TUESDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

**2A Districts:**  
**R.A. Long def. Columbia River, 63-58 (semifinals)**  
**Mark Morris def. Ridgefield, 71-57 (semifinals)**  
 - Dalton Stevens — 18 points  
 - Nathan Stephens — 15 points  
 - Carson Bogner — 13 points  
 - Drew Ibarreta — 12 points

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**1A Districts:**  
**Kalama def. Elma, 52-42 (loser-out)**  
 - Aubrey Doerty — 22 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals  
 - Hannah Johnson — 10 points  
 - Delaney Rinard — 9 points  
 - Bridgette Hollifield — 7 assists, 4 steals, 5 rebounds  
 - Rylie Cadigan — 8 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals

Kalama coach Amber Doerty: "Proud of these ladies for staying calm and executing our offense down the stretch to get a 10-point win. It's always tough to play on the road but we stayed strong when Elma started hitting their shots in the third."  
**Columbia (White Salmon) def. Castle Rock, 49-27 (loser-out)**

**1B Districts:**  
**Taholah def. Wahkiakum, 67-41 (semifinals)**

MONDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

**Willapa Valley def. Wahkiakum, 63-57**  
**Clatskanie def. Columbia Christian, 48-39**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

**W F West def. Woodland, 67-25**  
**Mark Morris def. Washougal, 48-30**  
**Clatskanie def. Columbia Christian, 52-22**

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS IN THE AREA

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

**Girls Basketball**  
 6 p.m., Clatskanie vs Nestucca - League Playoffs / Clatskanie HS

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

**Boys Basketball**  
 8 p.m., R.A. Long vs Mark Morris - 2A Districts - Championship / Kelso HS

# LCC baseball season-opener delayed

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Lower Columbia baseball's season-opening doubleheader against Chemeketa has been delayed from Wednesday to Thursday, Feb. 20 due to a much better weather forecast.

The Red Devils will get their season started against the Storm at 1 p.m. at Story Field.

LCC's four-game series with Bellevue has also been altered. The Bulldogs and Red Devils will play the first two games on Friday starting at 3 p.m. The last two games of the series will be played on Tuesday at 1 p.m., with the entire series being played at Story Field.

Fans can attend these games and any non NWAC West division games for free. Those who cannot attend the games can watch on DevilVision at [www.nwacsportsnetwork.com](http://www.nwacsportsnetwork.com).

MONARCHS, from B1

Monarchs on two free throws from Mac West and a 3-pointer from Stevens. West finished with 8 points and had a couple of offensive rebounds and putbacks. He always seemed to find himself in the right spot.

"I know where most of the misses go because I'm just always practicing with (my teammates) and it feels good when it happens in a game because it's just like study(ing) and hard work (pays off)," he said.

The Monarchs raced out to an early 16-7 lead after the first quarter. Jamison McCann got hot and scored 12 of his game-high 22 points in the second quarter for the Spudders and brought them back to within 1 point at halftime with Mark Morris leading 31-30.

Kelly changed up his defensive game-plan and put Stevens on McCann in the second half and it worked out as he held him to just 6 points in the final two quarters.

"I felt like McCann was using his size a little bit more this game than he was last game and I felt it was giving us some fits, so I thought 'Let's just put our strongest player on him and really challenge Dalton to guard' and Dalton muscled him up pretty well and made things uncomfortable for him," Kelly said.



DAN ROSENFELD, THE DAILY NEWS

Mark Morris' Dalton Stevens drives to the basket game against Ridgefield on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Bill Bakamus Gymnasium.

With R.A. Long's win over Columbia River on the same night, the Monarchs and Jacks will meet for the third time this season in the district championship game on Friday night. The Monarchs will

be looking for revenge after falling to the Jacks in their two previous meetings, causing them to miss out on the league championship.

RAL, from B1

second half, shooting 7 of 13 from the field and 3 of 4 from deep.

Newsome knocked down a pair of 3s to extend R.A. Long's lead. Crane added another triple, forcing a Columbia River timeout trailing 57-49 with 2:33 remaining, but R.A. Long held on for another tight win.

Newsome scored 13 of his 20 points in the second half, including three triples down the stretch that helped put the raging Rapids out of reach.

Jenkins said it was important to secure the last win in the Lumberdome for the seniors and even bigger for those on the team who will have gone to state all four years.

Now headed for the district championship once again, R.A. Long will look to put down Mark Morris a third time this season.

"I wish we could play it tomorrow, but we'll get a day of rest, shoot some shots, go over some film and be ready to play (Friday)," Key said.

ON THE TEE | YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK IN PROFESSIONAL GOLF

# Making his card pay off

Åberg continues success since PGA Tour University

DOUG FERGUSON  
 Associated Press

Jon Rahm saw this coming, even if he might not have known the player — Ludvig Åberg — or how quickly the college kid would make his mark.

Toward the end of LIV Golf's inaugural season in October 2022, Rahm was still bullish about the PGA Tour and worried about the tour missing out on a great opportunity. A fellow Spaniard, Eugenio Chacarra, had gone from Oklahoma State to take the guaranteed Saudi riches.

Rahm wondered who was next. "My advice to the PGA Tour? Start looking at college players and offer them more than you do now," Rahm said then. "Every other major sport has a direct path to the major leagues from college except golf."

Changes to PGA Tour University already were in the works, and a month later the No. 1 senior went from access to the minor leagues (Korn Ferry Tour) to a full card on the PGA Tour. Åberg, a senior at Texas Tech, became the first player to take that direct path.

Four months later, he went 2-2 in the Ryder Cup and celebrated a European victory. Within six months, his name was in the PGA Tour record book by matching the lowest 72-hole score.

Did that keep Åberg from joining LIV? No.

Turns out a LIV representative already had tried to lure him away in the spring of 2022. Åberg described it to STV Sport in Sweden as life-changing money. He also saw red flags. Åberg prefers to keep life simple. His focus was the PGA Tour and European tour.

And he is doing quite well at the moment. He already has earned just short of \$18.5 million in 38 tournaments since he left Texas Tech.

The latest example was his victory Sunday in the Genesis Invitational at tough Torrey Pines when he rallied



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Ludvig Åberg, of Sweden, poses with the trophy Sunday after winning the Genesis Invitational in San Diego.

from a three-shot deficit on the back nine with an array of big moments with his driver, two fairway metals, his putter and a 9-iron, arguably the best shot of the bunch.

The 14th hole was the second of three straight birdies that allowed him to catch Maverick McNealy. The pin was back right, tempting to attack with a pitching wedge, trouble for anything long. Åberg had been working on flighting his shots, and this was one of those "show me what you've got" moments.

"I had a pitching wedge number, but I hit a 9-iron just to sort of get the spin down," he said. "But it's also a dangerous shot because if you tug it a little bit, it goes over and down in the hazard. It was one of them that I've gotten better at, that flighted iron shot. A couple years ago I couldn't do that."

"It was cool to pull that off when I needed to and give myself a chance to make a birdie."

The simplicity with which the 25-year-old plays is illustrated by his goal along the back nine after McNealy finished. "All I tried to do once I saw that he posted 11 (under) was just to get to 12, really," he said.

And that he did with a big drive down the middle, a 7-wood that would safely clear the water and two putts, the last one from 7 feet on the same line — certainly not the same conditions or circumstances — as the 12-footer Tiger Woods famously made to force a U.S. Open playoff.

It was his biggest win, yes, but

mainly because he only has two others. His first was the European Masters in Switzerland in 2023, the other at Sea Island at the end of that year when he shot 61-61 on the weekend to win the RSM Classic.

More would be certain to follow, and more are required before he can be considered a serious threat to Scottie Scheffler, who didn't win until his third full season on the PGA Tour and now that's all he seems to do.

Åberg was bummed not to win last year — he had three runner-up finishes, including the Masters, his major championship debut — and 14 months between wins felt like a lifetime. Jordan Spieth had a lightning start to his career in 2013 when he went from no status to a spot on the Presidents Cup team. He failed to win on tour the following year, and then 2015 worked out pretty well for him.

There is a lot to like about Åberg, from the power and efficiency of his swing to how quickly he plays to the respect and politeness with which he goes through life.

"I was impressed as I've ever been watching anybody ... more for his demeanor and his composure than his game," Lucas Glover said, recalling the first time he played with Åberg. "To me, that's the most impressive about him is the way he does it the right way, humbly, and a lot like Scottie. It's impressive to watch somebody that young with that much game and that much success already and still do it with his humility and grace."

If anything, Åberg set a high bar for the college kids coming behind him.

Michael Thorbjornsen of Stanford was the next player to be No. 1 in PGA Tour University and is starting his first full year. Gordon Sargent of Vanderbilt is still in school but already has a card locked up through the "accelerated" program for underclassmen. Florida State junior Luke Clanton already has two runner-up finishes and is on the verge of a card.

Like anyone else, college success doesn't guarantee anything in golf. PGA Tour University simply gives top players a head start. Åberg ran with it. He seems to do everything fast.

THIS WEEK

PGA TOUR

Mexico Open at Vidantaworld

Vallarta Vidanta, Vallarta, Mexico

**Yardage:** 7,436 **Par:** 71

**Purse:** \$7 million; **Winner's share:** \$1,260,000

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 1-3 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-6 p.m. (NBC)

**Defending champion:** Jake Knapp

**What to know:** The Mexico Open technically is on the western coast of America, but it's the start of NBC's coverage until the Masters. ... **Aaron Rai** (No. 29) is the highest-ranked player in a field that features only four from the top 50. ... The 132-man field includes six additional sponsor exemptions set aside for Latin American players. That list includes **Alvaro Ortiz**, a former Latin American Amateur champion and the younger brother of **Carlos Ortiz**. ... The winner gets an invitation to the Masters. Only 11 players in the field are already in the Masters. That includes two amateurs, U.S. Amateur champion **Jose Luis Ballester** and Latin American Amateur champion **Justin Hastings**.

LPGA TOUR

Honda LPGA Thailand

Siam CC (Old), Chonburi, Thailand

**Yardage:** 6,632 **Par:** 72

**Purse:** \$1.7 million; **Winner's share:** \$255,000

**Television:** Wednesday-Thursday, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. (Golf)

**Defending champion:** Patty Tavatanakit

**What to know:** This starts the first Asia swing on the LPGA Tour, which goes from Thailand to Singapore to China. There will be another Asia swing in the fall. ... Seven of the top 10 in the women's world ranking are playing in Thailand. That does not include **Nelly Korda** and **Lydia Ko**, the top two players. ... The two LPGA winners this season are in the field, **A Lim Kim** (Tournament of Champions) and **Yealimi Noh** (Founders Cup).

EUROPEAN TOUR

Magical Kenya Open

Muthaiga GC, Nairobi, Kenya

**Yardage:** 7,208 **Par:** 71

**Purse:** \$2.5 million; **Winner's share:** \$416,667

**Television:** Thursday-Friday, 5-10 a.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 4:30-9 a.m. (Golf); Sunday, 4-9 a.m. (Golf)

**Defending champion:** Darius Van Driel

**What to know:** The first of three stops on the African continent. ... The field does not include anyone from the top 100 in the world ranking. ... Haotong Li is coming off a victory in the Qatar Masters. ... **Brandon Wu**, **Troy Merritt** and **Callum Tarren** are playing under a category that awards spots to PGA Tour players who finished between No. 126 and 200 in the FedEx Cup last year.

— All Times Eastern

## ENTERTAINMENT



NBC PHOTOS

The original cast of "Saturday Night Live," from left: Gilda Radner, Jane Curtin, Chevy Chase, Laraine Newman, Garrett Morris, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

# MAKING TV HISTORY

## 12 times 'Saturday Night Live' made a cultural bang over the past 50 years

MARK KENNEDY | Associated Press

"Saturday Night Live" was built with a cast of young no-names performing countercultural comedy. Fifty years later, it is firmly part of the culture, dictating mainstream comedy instead of throwing spitballs from the margins.

The show has become an incubator of talent — think Will Ferrell, Chris Rock, Amy Poehler, Billy Crystal, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Eddie Murphy, Adam Sandler, Phil Hartman, Pete Davidson and Tracy Morgan. Its sketches have sparked Hollywood movies, from "The Blues Brothers" and "Wayne's World" to "MacGruber" and "Coneheads."

But "SNL" has embedded itself in our culture in deeper ways, from slogans like "We're not worthy!" to "You look mahvelous!" It inspires Halloween costumes, connects viewers to the news via "Weekend Update" and may even have influenced elections.

As the show celebrates its milestone, here are 12 moments over the past five decades when the show didn't just reflect pop culture — it drove it.

### 'Wolverines,' 1975

This was the first sketch from the first show, an absurdist-meets-physical comedy interaction between a student — played by John Belushi — and his English teacher, played by head writer Michael O'Donoghue. "I would like to feed your fingertips to the wolverines," the teacher asks his pupil to repeat.

The show, then called "NBC's Saturday Night," would have George Carlin as the first host. Jim Henson's Muppets had a sketch and Andy Kaufman lip-synched the "Mighty Mouse" theme song. Billy Preston played his hit "Nothing From Nothing" and later folk singer Janis Ian sang "At Seventeen" and "In the Winter." Preston closed with "Fancy Lady."

New York magazine called its promise "enormous" while the Chicago Tribune said it "premiered in superb fashion." The Los Angeles Times said it was "bright and bouncy" and even suggested it move to prime time.

### 'King Tut,' 1978



Steve Martin saw this off-the-wall novelty song about ancient Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun capture the nation's imagination during a goofy performance. It eventually reached No. 17 on the Billboard Hot 100 and sold over 1 million copies after he performed it on "SNL."

The comedian was parodying the hysteria and commercialization surrounding a traveling Tutankhamun exhibit, dancing sideways as he sang "King Tut/Buried with a donkey/Funky Tut/He's my favorite honky!"

The song was riddled with errors: King Tut was not "born in Arizona," he did not live in a "condo made of stone-a" and he was not "buried in his jammies." Nevertheless, the song went viral long before there was an internet.

### 'The French Chef,' 1978



Dan Aykroyd parodied iconic chef Julia Child in a cooking segment gone horribly wrong: She cuts "the dickens" out of her finger, releasing staggeringly large spurts of blood, tries first aid and then collapses face-first in a puddle of her own blood.

It was inspired by a real injury on the set of Child's "The French Chef" and was written by Tom Davis and Al Franken (the future former senator was also under the table pumping blood out of a tube on Aykroyd's arm).

Instead of being offended, Child enjoyed Aykroyd's parody of herself so much that the book "Baking With Julia" recounts she would play the tape at her own dinner parties, crying out, "Save the liver!"

### Sinéad O'Connor, 1992

The Irish singer capped her a cappella cover of Bob Marley's "War" by holding up a photo of Pope John Paul II and tearing it into pieces. "Fight the real enemy," she said. "SNL" was blindsided. During rehearsals, O'Connor had instead held up an image of a refugee child.

She was protesting child sex abuse in the Catholic Church, a decade before the Boston Globe revealed a systemic cover-up that forced the church to apologize and pay millions.

NBC banned O'Connor from "SNL" for life, Joe Pesci mocked her during the next week's show and Frank Sinatra called her "one stupid broad." Her albums were crushed by a steamroller in Times Square. Less than two weeks later, O'Connor made her first public appearance following the incident at a Bob Dylan concert at Madison Square Garden and she was jeered as Kris Kristofferson consoled her.

### 'White Like Me,' 1984



Long before white privilege became a mainstream concept, Eddie Murphy in a landmark sketch put on white face makeup to see how he would be treated as a white man in New York.

It was a parody of the famous 1961 book "Black Like Me," in which a white journalist went undercover as a Black man. You can see the legacy in "Chappelle's Show," Whoopi Goldberg's "The Associate" and "White Chicks."

In the skit, a cashier won't take his money for a newspaper ("Slowly, I began to realize that when white people are alone, they give things to each other for free"), a city bus turns into a party after the lone Black passenger gets off and a bank clerk simply hands him \$50,000 in cash. "So what did I learn from all of this?" Murphy asks at the end. "I learned that we still have a very long way to go in this country before all men are truly equal."

### White House vs. 'Wayne's World,' 1993



White House figures are a long-standing target for "SNL." In 1993, the White House fired back.

In a "Wayne's World" sketch, Mike Myers and Dana Carvey's immature, basement-dwelling characters suggested first daughter Chelsea Clinton, then 13, wasn't as attractive as then-Vice President Al Gore's daughters.

Hillary Clinton scolded producer Lorne Michaels and his writers for "having nothing better to do than be mean and cruel to a young girl." Michaels issued an apology, Myers apologized to the Clintons and the joke was cut from subsequent reruns of the sketch.

### 'More Cowbell,' 2000



Another wacky skit that permanently entered the culture was when Christopher Walken, playing a producer as Blue Öyster Cult recorded "Don't Fear" the Reaper," insisted: "I gotta have more cowbell."

The sketch — widely regarded as one of the show's greatest — lampooned the excess of '70s rock and became a shorthand for adding one too many layers. The irony is that the idea was submitted about seven times before finally airing.

Blue Öyster Cult had to ban people from bringing actual cowbells to their concerts and Walken has said people tease him about cowbells everywhere he goes. The sketch was so influential that producers of the four-part "SNL50: Beyond Saturday Night" dedicated an entire episode to the parody.

### First show after 9/11, 2001

Less than three weeks after 9/11, "Saturday Night Live" aired one of its most memorable openings. Rudy Giuliani, then New York City's mayor, was flanked by firefighters and police officers who had just left ground zero.

Calling "Saturday Night Live" one of New York's greatest institutions, Giuliani said: "Having our city's institutions up and running sends a message that New York City is open for business." "Can we be funny?" Michaels asked, to which the mayor responded with perfect timing, "Why start now?"

That joke told everyone that things could be all right.

### Ashlee Simpson, 2004

The younger sister of Jessica Simpson, making her "SNL" musical debut, first performed her hit "Pieces of Me." All good. But when she came back to play the title track from her album "Autobiography," the audience heard the vocal track from the first song by mistake.

Awkwardness ensued. Simpson did a silly shuffle and then walked off stage as her group continued to play and the show cut to commercial. She later said a case of acid reflux forced her to lip-sync that night.

The incident drew attention to one of pop culture's worst-kept secrets: Lip-syncing was way more common than performers or the music industry wanted us to think. Billboard magazine ranked it second among lip-sync scandals in modern pop history — after Milli Vanilli.

### 'Lazy Sunday,' 2005



"SNL" is live, of course, but sometimes the funniest bits are pretaped, like the digital shorts from Andy Samberg and his Lonely Island compatriots, Jorma Taccone and Akiva Schaffer. They crafted 101 digital shorts between 2005 and 2012 — many of them destined for virality, from "Dick in a Box" with Justin Timberlake, to "Natalie's Rap" with Natalie Portman and "Shy Ronnie" with Rihanna.

"Lazy Sunday" was the second video "SNL" viewers got from the trio, starting Samberg and Chris Parnell rapping about hilariously mundane yuppie activities, like grabbing cupcakes and using Google Maps. It inspired an entire genre of video-shot joke raps and fed a fast-growing site that people had only just become aware of: YouTube.

"Lazy Sunday" was the first TV show clip to have a viral second life online, with 2 million-plus viewings in its first week alone. That week, YouTube's traffic was up 83%.

### Tina Fey as Sarah Palin, 2008



Many people believe that Republican vice-presidential candidate Palin once uttered: "I can see Russia from my house." She never said that. That was Fey in her first appearance as Palin on "SNL."

Fey's spot-on impression — later leaning into the more ridiculous sayings the candidate uttered — may have changed some minds and therefore influenced the presidential election, an amazing thing for a comedy show. CNN coined the phrase the "Tina Fey Effect."

People actually did studies on the "Tina Fey Effect" after the 2008 election and found Republican and independent voters liked Palin less after watching the "SNL" rendition of the politician, even though Palin herself appeared on the show alongside Fey to show she was in on the joke.

### 'Welcome to Hell,' 2017



"SNL" addressed the #MeToo movement with a pitch-perfect video — a bubblegum song with lyrics about how women have suffered abuse and harassment for centuries.

Guest host Saoirse Ronan was joined by cast members Melissa Villaseñor, Leslie Jones, Aidy Bryant, Kate McKinnon and Cecily Strong, many of whom had teamed up for hysterical pop girl-group songs like "First Got 2 U," "Back Home Ballers," and "(Do It on My) Twin Bed."

This time, the comedy was bleak: "Now 'House of Cards' is ruined," goes the song, "and that really sucks. Well, here's a list of stuff that's ruined for us: parking, and walking, and Uber, and ponytails, and bathrobes, and nighttime, and drinking, and hotels, and vans."

TV REVIEW

# There's no escape from yourself

'The White Lotus' Season 3 has more murder, mystery and maybe enlightenment

ROBERT LLOYD  
Los Angeles Times

And so we turn to Chapter 3 in Mike White's semi-anthological omnibus luxury travel mystery series, "The White Lotus," which premiered Sunday on HBO. As before, the season begins with an unidentified corpse, then steps back in time to set the stage for murder — or whatever it turns out to be — as guests arrive by sea at their fancy resort hotel.

The current series was filmed in Thailand (the Four Seasons Koh Samui standing in for the eponymous resort), following the Maui-set first and the Sicily-set second. This iteration of the White Lotus is a posh wellness retreat, tending to the mind and body, with electronic devices locked away, for those willing — though, of course, not everyone is willing. (To be sure, there are also bars and restaurants and splashy entertainment.)

Most of the main cast is helpfully introduced as the guests disembark upon the shore of the resort and meet the relevant staff, including the hotel's manager, Fabian (Christian Friedel), and co-owner Sritala Hollinger (Lek Patravadi), a former singing and film star and a "pioneer in the wellness space." Despite the expense, not all the visitors are happy to be there.

From North Carolina comes the Ratliff family: father Timothy (Jason Isaacs), who does something in finance; mother Victoria (Parker Posey); and children Saxon (Patrick Schwarzenegger), a preening bro who works for his dad; college senior Piper (Sarah Catherine Hook), avowedly here



FABIO LOVINO, HBO

From left, Jason Isaacs, Parker Posey, Patrick Schwarzenegger, Sarah Catherine Hook and Sam Nivola star in Season 3 of "The White Lotus."

## 'The White Lotus' Season 3

Rating: TV-MA  
How to watch: Sundays on HBO (and streaming on Max)

to interview a Buddhist monk for her thesis, who dismisses the hotel as "a Disneyland for rich bohemians from Malibu in their Lululemon yoga pants"; and Lochlan (Sam Nivola), a late-blooming high school senior. Their "house mentor" — each group gets one — is Pam (Morgana O'Reilly).

Reuniting on a girls' trip are old friends Jaelyn (Michelle Monaghan), who is a TV star (Sritala is a fan); Kate (Leslie Bibb), a rich housewife living in Austin, Texas; and Laurie (Carrie Coon), a divorced corporate something or other who has just not been made partner. One might say they attest too much to their mutual love. Their mentor: Valentin (Arnas Fedaravicius), a buff, tattooed Russian, introduced shirtless.

Then there are Rick (Walton Goggins), whose character is suggested by cigarettes, a half-buttoned floral shirt and a sweaty demeanor, and Chelsea (Aimee Lee Wood), his cheerful, much younger girlfriend, who declares she's going "to help you get your joy back — even if it kills me." Their as-

signed mentor is Mook, played by Thai pop star Lalisa Manoban, aka Lisa from the South Korean pop group Blackpink, good in her first acting role. Mook runs wellness sessions, entertains at night and is the object of a crush by Gaitok (Tayme Thapthimthong), a sweet, hapless low-level security guard.

Superficially, this is a story of soul-sick Westerners in the soulful East, like "Lost Horizon" and "The Razor's Edge" — but apart from Piper, enlightenment is not on any guest's menu. If the seasons share any overarching themes, they're that money can't buy happiness — having no money doesn't buy it, either — and that people bring their crap with them wherever they go. None of White's characters are actually on vacation, at least not on vacation from themselves.

Yet "The White Lotus," in all its seasons, is a comedy; if all does not end well — some characters will be disappointed, somebody will die — all that ends well ends well. Life-affirming, or at least life-accepting, decisions are made, a modicum of understanding is reached, lovers are reconciled, goodness tends to triumph. Change comes to the players if not the playing field.

There are also lizards and monkeys.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### Robert Pattinson gives update on baby girl

Robert Pattinson's daughter is an "incredible sleeper."

The "Mickey 17" star and his partner Suki Waterhouse welcomed their baby girl — whose name has not been publicly revealed — into the world in March, and he is delighted that they haven't experienced much in the way of nocturnal disturbances since the tot was born.

He told "Extra": "I hate boasting about it, but my daughter's been the most incredible sleeper since birth."

The 38-year-old actor is a hands-on dad and has rapidly become an "expert" when it comes to dealing with dirty diapers.

He said: "I'm an expert, like, the stealth nappy when the baby doesn't even know they've had their nappy changed."

Pattinson admitted parenthood has made him eager to take on family-friendly roles in the future.

Asked if he is open to doing a kids-focused film in the future, he said: "I'd love to. I'm always kind of open to anything."

### Ritchson: Cast too busy for 'Fast and Furious 11'

Alan Ritchson has revealed that "Fast and Furious 11" is taking so long as it is hard to get the cast together.

The "Reacher" star joined the action franchise in the 2023 film "Fast X" as Agent Aimes but explained that the next movie, which has been billed as the saga's finale, has been pushed back until 2026 as cast members such as Vin Diesel and Jason Momoa need to find time in their schedules for the production.

Ritchson told Screen Rant: "We talk about it quite often. That is one of the biggest challenges that the franchise faces is that ... everybody's super busy. So trying to get the stars to align so we can make that happen is a feat of nature. So we'll see how it goes, but this is a passion project for Universal, and it's one that I had a blast doing, so I'd love to get in there, and I'll bring it to life again."

Ritchson previously revealed that he only landed the role of Aimes when Keanu Reeves was forced to drop out of "Fast X."

— Bang Showbiz

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEB. 20

Singer-songwriter **Buffy Sainte-Marie** is 84. Actor **Brenda Blethyn** ("Pride and Prejudice") is 79. Actor **Sandy Duncan** is 79. Actor **Peter Strauss** is 78.

Guitarist **Billy Zoom** of X is 77. Country singer **Kathie Baillie** of Baillie and the Boys is 74. Actor **John Voldstad** ("Newhart") is 74. Actor **Anthony Head** ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 71. Actor **James Wilby** ("Gosford Park") is 67. Bassist **Sebastian Steinberg** of Soul Coughing is 66. Actor **Joel Hodgson** ("Mystery Science Theater 3000") is 65. Singer **Ian Brown** of Stone Roses is 62. Actor **French Stewart** ("Mom") is



Crawford



Rihanna

61. Model **Cindy Crawford** is 59. Actor **Andrew Shue** ("Melrose Place") is 58. Actor **Lili Taylor** is 58. Singer **Brian Littrell** of the Backstreet Boys is 50. Actor **Lauren**

**Ambrose** ("Six Feet Under") is 47. Actor **Jay Hernandez** ("Friday Night Lights") is 47. Actor **Chelsea Peretti** ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine") is 47. Actor **Michael Zegen** ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") is 46. Actor **Jocko Sims** ("New Amsterdam") is 44. Comedian **Trevor Noah** is 41. Actor **Miles Teller** ("Top Gun: Maverick," "Fantastic Four") is 38. Singer **Rihanna** is 37.

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# Wembanyama is a new kind of NBA star

‘Wemby’ brings books to games, goes to bed early

TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

Let’s start with this: He brought a book to the All-Star Game.

As if the NBA needed more proof that San Antonio’s Victor Wembanyama is different, the latest example came Sunday in a locker-room video posted by the league. Wembanyama was getting settled in before the games and Denver’s Nikola Jokic was puzzled by what the Spurs star had with him.

“You really brought a book?” Jokic asked.

“I read before every game,” Wembanyama said.

Even at All-Star weekend, Wembanyama didn’t change who he is. He got himself and Spurs teammate Chris Paul disqualified from the skills competition at All-Star Saturday night after finding what he thought was a loophole in the rules and could increase the chance of winning. He brought the book on Sunday. He was visibly frustrated when his team lost the All-Star tournament final.

San Antonio knows, and has known, that Wembanyama is the face of the Spurs. The rest of the league has probably figured out that he’s one of the faces of the league — the game globally, too

— and is well on his way to super-duper-super-stardom, if he’s not there already.

LeBron James had nothing but rave reviews for Wembanyama when the 7-foot-3 French center — who just turned 21 last month — was coming into the league. James heaps the Wemby praise even higher now.

“I’ve seen one quote that he says that nobody better call him past 9 o’clock at night because he’s either reading or he’s asleep. I think that’s super cool. I think that’s super dope,” the Los Angeles Lakers’ star said. “That lets you know where his mind frame is at, where he is at intellectually, and I think he’s been great, obviously, for the franchise with the Spurs. But he’s going to be great for our league for so many years to come.”

Wembanyama was the unanimous rookie of the year last season; he’s the favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, to be defensive player of the year this season. He is almost certainly going to make the All-NBA team. He will likely get MVP votes.

All for good reason.

His scoring average is up. Rebounds per game, up. Shooting percentages, up. He’s already taken 403 3-pointers and blocked 176 shots this season — no player in NBA history has ever finished a season with those numbers, and Wemby did it this year by the All-

Star break. He’s averaging 24.3 points, 11 rebounds, 3.8 blocks and 3.7 assists; the only other player to finish a season averaging all that was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1975-76.

Golden State’s Stephen Curry was asked what he marvels at when he watches Wembanyama.

“Everything he does,” Curry said. “Everything.” The Spurs have been through some things this season.

Gregg Popovich, the franchise patriarch and someone Wembanyama calls the best leader he’s ever known, had a stroke in November and coached only five games before needing to be replaced by assistant Mitch Johnson — who, by all accounts, has done an admirable job. The travel has been brutal, even by San Antonio standards: the Spurs went to New York for a few days over Christmas, spent a week in France for the NBA Paris Games, were in Los Angeles when wildfires were ravaging that city and are now dealing with the annual rodeo road trip that displaces them for much of February.

Paul says the team has had chances, pointing to how 10 of San Antonio’s 29 losses have been by five points or fewer.

“I think we can really put something together after the break,” Paul said.

With Wembanyama, all things are possible and the Spurs are most certain in the play-in tour-



Spurs center Victor Wembanyama, center, dunks next to Grizzlies forward Jaren Jackson Jr. during Sunday’s NBA All-Star Game in San Francisco.

EZRA SHAW, ASSOCIATED PRESS

namment mix. San Antonio — which added De’Aaron Fox around the trade deadline — is 3 1/2 games out of the final play-in spot with 30 games left to play. It’s not out of reach.

“Gaining a bit of confidence because we have such changes in the season,” Wembanyama said, asked what the Spurs need to do for the stretch run. “Also defense, I think, is the key. Going back to the status of one of the best defenses is the key.”

Let that be yet another example of how he’s different. At the All-Star Game, he was talking defense. It’s who he is. It’s how he approaches the game. He plays the right way. He studies. He gets his rest, does his home-

work. And his fellow All-Stars seem to be taking notice.

“I think it’s great for a person like him to be so competitive and so focused and so driven in all aspects of his game, no matter where he is,” New York All-Star guard Jalen Brunson said. “It could be preseason, it could be

in All-Star, he’s going to have that same mindset. That’s what we’ve seen. And obviously the things he does on the court are just abnormal for someone his height. He’s ridiculous, and to see how he works, his preparation, ... I admire that most.”

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# Storm give first statements since Loyd mistreatment claim

Coach: We’ve ‘turned the page’ to 2025

PERCY ALLEN  
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — In their first public comments since Jewell Loyd’s allegations of player mistreatment by the Storm coaching staff and a trade demand that sent her to Las Vegas Aces, Storm general manager Talisa Rhea and coach Noelle Quinn said the team is moving forward and focused on the upcoming WNBA season.

Rhea said the Storm have “officially turned the page to 2025, (which) is now only a couple months away from the start of the season.”

When asked about the turbulent and transformative offseason, Quinn added: “It’s been a learning experience and honestly, I’m super excited about 2025.”

Quinn came under fire when Loyd alleged harassment and bullying by the coaching staff, and was cleared of any wrongdoing following an independent investigation.

“The Storm recently received internal allegations of potential workplace policy violations,” the team said in a statement released Dec. 4. “The organization retained an outside investigator to conduct an impartial investigation into the allegations. The investigation has been completed and there were no findings of policy violations or any discrimination, harassment, or bullying.”

For months, the Storm declined media requests and have been silent about Loyd’s allegations until Tuesday’s Zoom call intended to talk about the team’s recent free-agent acquisitions.

In the past two weeks, the Storm re-signed Nneka Ogwumike and Gabby Williams while bringing back fan favorite Alysha Clark and adding Lexie

Brown and Erica Wheeler. Still, it remains to be seen if the additions offset the loss of losing Loyd, a six-time WNBA All-Star who helped the Storm to league titles in 2018 and 2020.

“Jewell meant a lot to this organization,” Rhea said. “She built a lot with us here. Noelle and I have been a part of a couple championships with Jewell. This is not to take away anything that Jewell did during her time here with Seattle, and we’re very appreciative for that.”

“We’re excited with how the roster has moved forward, and excited for this year and what we were able to do with that trade.”

During a three-way deal that involved the Los Angeles Sparks, the Storm received the No. 2 pick in the WNBA draft in April, the Aces’ first-round pick in 2026 and Sparks backup center Li Yueru.

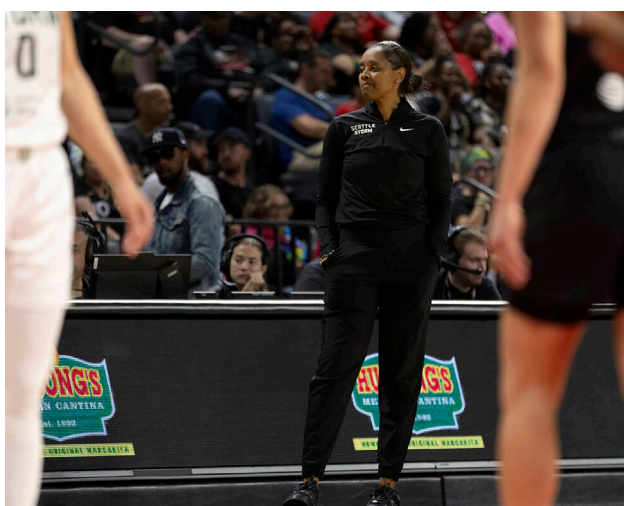
Rhea didn’t provide much insight into when the relationship between Loyd, the Storm’s No. 1 pick in 2015 and third all-time leading scorer, and Quinn became irreparable.

Rhea said she supports Quinn, who has a 74-68 regular-season record and is 3-6 in the playoffs since taking over six games into the 2021 season.

“We let the process play out and that was very important to us and the integrity of that process,” Rhea said about the investigation into Loyd’s claims. “Second, we’ve been locked in with Noelle this entire offseason, and it’s been very clear through our free agency conversations that players do want to be here.”

“They believe in what we’re building here in Seattle. They want to play for Noelle. The group that we have here is totally bought into that. So, we’re very confident in Noelle and what she’s able to do with this group this year.”

Quinn, who signed a multiyear contract extension with the Storm in 2023, said assistant and associate general manager



ELLEN SCHMIDT, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Seattle Storm head coach Noelle Quinn reacts after her team is given a foul during the second half against the Las Vegas Aces at Michelob ULTRA Arena on June 15, 2023, in Las Vegas.

Pokey Chatman and assistant Ebony Hoffman are returning to her coaching staff next season. Assistant Perry Huang left last October to take the same role with the South Bay Lakers in the G-League.

“I believe that the organization did the right thing. Throughout this entire process, the communication level was tremendously high,” Quinn said. “I felt supported in a lot of ways, and I know my staff felt supported as well. With anything like this, it is important to take the right steps, and our organization did that. And moving forward, showing that we have built a tremendous roster of players who want to come and play for me, my staff and wants to be a part of this organization.”

“It will show the fans everything that they need to know about myself and about what we’re building around Seattle. This is a top-notch organization, an organization that stands for excellence and integrity, and I lead in that way, and I want to continue to exemplify that as well.”

Around the WNBA, seven of league’s 12 teams from last season fired or parted ways with their head coaches, including the Atlanta Dream (Tanisha Wright), Chicago Sky (Teresa Weatherspoon), Connecticut Sun (Stephanie White), Dallas Wings

(Laticia Trammell), Indiana Fever (Christie Sides), Los Angeles Sparks (Curt Miller) and Washington Mystics (Eric Thibault).

The 40-year-old Quinn is the second-longest tenured coach in the WNBA behind Minnesota Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve.

“I strive to lead with integrity and that will never change within me,” Quinn said. “I will continue to do so. I will continue to represent myself, my family and the organization at the highest level that I can. I’m constantly working on myself, constantly growing as a leader and constantly trying to get better. I will continue to do that. I will lean heavily on my staff ... to do this as well. And growth is not linear. I’m not a finished product. I’m going to continue to grow and lean on my experiences to help me.”

“At the end of the day, it’s not about changing, it’s evolving, and I’m going to continue to do whatever necessary to be the best version of myself that I can be. Yes, I learned a lot, but I also learned that I have a lot of support. I have a great support system. I’m super grateful for our owners, super grateful for our leadership group, and I will continue to lead in a way that is admirable to those guys.”

BRIEFLY

Iditarod relocates

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A lack of snow along a dangerous stretch of trail has led organizers of the world's most famous sled dog race to move the start of the Iditarod farther north.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race will still have its ceremonial start in Anchorage on March 1, but the official start for the 33 teams will be two days later in Fairbanks, about 360 miles (579 kilometers) north.

It's the fourth time the race has been moved because of a lack of snow.

The race previously started in Fairbanks in 2003, 2015 and 2017.

Race officials last month said the race would start as normal from the Anchorage area. However, in a statement Monday, trail breakers said no snow since that Jan. 31 announcement led them to deem one portion of the trail

- from the Rohn to Nikolai checkpoints - north of the Alaska Range as unpassable.

"After a heavy discussion with our lead Trail Breaker and other friends of the race including local knowledge, and with no new snow on the horizon, there is simply no way we can allow the teams to progress through that 20-

mile (32-kilometer) stretch," Race Marshal Warren Palfrey said in the statement. "It is a shame because the remainder of the trail is in great shape all the way to Nome."

The safety of the dogs, mushers and volunteers remains the Iditarod's top priority, the statement said.

Even with snow, this stretch of the Iditarod consistently has some of the worst trail in the entire 1,000-mile (1,609-kilometer) race across the Alaska wilderness.

The race's description of the trail for mushers encourages them to do this stretch in a convoy with one or more teams because they might require help. Conditions include windblown gravel sandbars, high winds, rivers, a glacier, slippery conditions and ice at the bottom of a canyon.

The winner is expected in Nome about 10 days after the start.

-Associated Press

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Estate of GEORGE PETER GASPAR, Deceased. No. 25-4-00013-08 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any other applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four (4) months after the date of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedents.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 2/20/2025. CORI S. CLIFFTON Personal Representative c/o Attorney for Ammons 871 11th Ave Longview, WA 98632 Telephone: (360) 501-8090 /s/ Darrel Ammons DARREL S. AMMONS, WSB# 18223 ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 COL-WA-100678

Address: 1424 16th Avenue P.O. Box 7 Longview, WA 98632

Attorney for Personal Representative: David A. Nelson, WSB #19145 Of Counsel Law Office of Erin H. Winkles, P.S. 1424 16th Avenue P.O. Box 7 Longview, WA 98632 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 COL-WA-100657

Legals

Legal Notice

Rotschy Inc, Darin Kysar, 7408 NE 113th Cir Vancouver, WA 98662, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Port of Longview's Industrial Rail Corridor Expansion, is located north and adjacent to the Port of Longview's industrial rail corridor in Longview, WA, Cowlitz County. Sections 9, 10, 11 & 12, Township 7N, Range 2W, Western Terminus of project site: latitude 46.11694 N, longitude -122.938736 W; Eastern Terminus of project site: latitude 46.106108 N, longitude -122.897644 W. This project involves approximately 54 acres of soil disturbance for Other (Railroad) construction activities. The majority of the runoff will not result in a point source discharge and will infiltrate or be managed on site during construction. There will be one discharge location of approximately 1-5 acres that may discharge into the Port of Longview's stormwater ditch system which may discharge to the Consolidated Diking Improvement District #1ditch # 3.

Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to: Department of Ecology, PO Box 47896, Olympia, WA 98504-7896. Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater. (Dates of publication in The Daily News, February 20 & February 27, 2025.) 2/20, 2/27 COL-WA-100703

Landlord Lien Foreclosure Sale - Public Auction

CASTLE ROCK - Public Auction/Landlord Lien Foreclosure Sale - 2/05 JAY GRANIT RIDGE 3100 SS motorhome -VIN: 1FDXE45345HB13732- Mt. St. Helens Rv Park, Unit #C4, 167 Schaffran Rd. -PH: (360) 274-8522 2/20, 2/27 COL-WA-100697

LEGAL NOTICES

Probate Notice to Creditors Joel Mark Stetzer RCW 11.40.030 NO. 24-4-00302-08 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

In the matter of the Estate of: Joel Mark Stetzer, deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or, (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: February 20, 2025; Personal Representative Jonathan M. Stetzer; Attorney for the Personal Representative: Joshua B. Dailey of Longview Law Group, PLLC, Address for Mailing or Service: 1447 3rd Avenue, Suite B, Longview WA 98632. (360) 998-3030. Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Cowlitz County Superior Court, 312 SW 1st Ave, Kelso, WA 98626, Cause No. 24-4-00302-08. Publish 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 COL-WA-100700

LEGAL NOTICES

Trustee Sale # 127245-WA Title # 240464405

Notice of Trustee's Sale Grantor(s): STEVEN MARK HUYNK, UNMARRIED MAN Grantee(s): CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee Original beneficiary of the deed of trust: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NATIONS LENDING CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: NATIONS LENDING CORPORATION Current trustee of the deed of trust: CLEAR RECON CORP Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: LOANCARE, LLC Reference number of the deed of trust: 3690037 Parcel number(s): WD3512013 LT 1, SPN 97-006; BEING A PTN OF NE 1/4, SEC 35, T7N, R1W, W.M. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, CLEAR RECON CORP, 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400, Spokane, WA 99201, Trustee will on 3/21/2025 at 9:00 AM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE COWLITZ SUPERIOR COURT-HOUSE, 312 SW 1ST AVENUE, KELSO, WA 98626 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Cowlitz, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 1 OF SHORT SUBDIVISION NO. 97-006, RECORDED IN VOLUME 11 OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 16, RECORDS OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, RECORDED AUGUST 19, 1997, RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 970819003, RECORDS OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON. MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME: NAME: GENE/LESLIE SPRAQUE MODEL NO.: LAKEPOINT NEW/USED/YEAR: 2002 SERIAL NO.: ORFL24828996-L513 LENGTH AND WIDTH: 79X27 MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME: NAME: GENE/LESLIE SPRAQUE MODEL NO.: FLEETWOOD NEW/USED/YEAR: 2003 SERIAL NO.: ORFL24828996-L513 A.B.C.D LENGTH AND WIDTH: N/A Commonly known as: 400 FALLERT RD KALAMA, WA 98625 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/19/2021, recorded 7/29/2021, as Auditor's File No. 3690037, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 3/15/2024 as Instrument 3748739 records of Cowlitz County, Washington, from STEVEN MARK HUYNK, UNMARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s), to CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NATIONS LENDING CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to NATIONS LENDING CORPORATION, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No 3755281. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$20,934.02 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$332,600.62, together with interest as provided in the Note from 3/1/2024, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 3/21/2025. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 3/10/2025, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 3/10/2025 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 3/10/2025 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or

Grantor or the or the Grantor's successor interest or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "1" by both first class and certified mail on 9/24/2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the Deed of Trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the Deed of Trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. If you are a servicemember or a dependent of a servicemember, you may be entitled to certain protections under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and any comparable state laws regarding the risk of foreclosure. If you believe you may be entitled to these protections, please contact our office immediately. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45 day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days before the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission Telephone: 1-877-894-HOME(1-877-894-4663) . Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\_purchase\_counselors\_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchState=WA&filterSvc=dcf The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4319 Web site: http://njustice.org/what-clear THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED: OCT 25, 2024 CLEAR RECON CORP as Successor Trustee Monica Chavez, Authorized Signor For additional information or service you may contact: Clear Recon Corp 601 West 1st Avenue, Suite 1400 Spokane, WA 99201 Phone: (206) 707-9599

EXHIBIT "1" NAME STEVEN MARK HUYNK ADDRESS 400 KALAMATA RD 2/20, 3/13 COL-WA-100489

Legals

Notice of Public Hearing

The Cowlitz County Hearing Examiner will hold a quasi-judicial, public hearing on Thursday March 6, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, County Admin Building, 207 Fourth Ave North, Kelso, WA, to consider Level II Shoreline Substantial Development Permit application 24-1044: Application by Northwest Aggregates Co., proposing development and operation of a barge unloading terminal, for unloading of dredged sands and aggregate materials on a leased site located at the Port of Kalama. The project is located at 490 Hendrickson Drive, Kalama (Parcel 600540200). Sec 20, Town 6N, Range 1W, WM. Parcel is zoned Unzoned (U) and designated as Economic Resource Land - Industrial Use by the Comprehensive Plan. Persons having comments on the above application may appear at said time and place to be heard, or may submit comments by mail or facsimile, provided the information is received no later than 5:30 p.m., Wednesday March 5, 2025. Mail or email comments to the attention of Cody Crytzer, Senior Planner, 207 4th Ave N, Kelso, WA 98626, email: crytzer@cowlitzwa.gov. Application materials are available for review at the Dept. of Building & Planning, Rm. 119, County Administration Building, Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or may be discussed by calling (360) 577-3052 x6657. The Administration Building is accessible for persons with disabilities. Only those persons speaking at the public hearing, or providing written testimony prior to the hearing, shall become parties of record. Owners, applicants and/or authorized representatives are required to attend open record public hearings. 2/20 COL-WA-100698

Legals

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

PERMIT NO.: ST0501366 APPLICANT: National Products Inc. 8410 Dallas Avenue South Seattle, WA 98108 FACILITY: National Products - Kelso - Facility 2209 Talley Way Kelso, WA 98626 National Products Inc. has applied for a State Waste Discharge Permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC). National Products Inc. proposes to discharge treated industrial wastewater. The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of Chapter 90.48 RCW and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. The Department of Ecology is proposing to issue the permit and is hereby issuing public notice of its intent. Interested persons are invited to submit their name, address, and comments regarding this permit to: Gayle Garbush Department of Ecology Southwest Region Office PO Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504-7775 Email comments should be sent to swrowqpermits@ecy.wa.gov. All respondents to this notice will receive a copy of the draft permit and fact sheet before the final permit is issued. To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-6831 or email at ecyadaordinator@ecy.wa.gov. For TTY or Washington Relay Service, call 711 or 877-833-6341. Visit Ecology's website at https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Accessibility for more information 2/13, 2/20 COL-WA-100684

Notice to Creditors SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

Estate of REBA V. THOMAS, Deceased. No. 25-4-00033-08 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four (4) months after the date of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedents. DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT: 1/30/2025.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 2/06/2025. WILLIAM THOMAS Personal Representative

c/o Attorney for Darrel S. Ammons 871 11th Ave Longview, WA 98632

Telephone: (360) 501-8090 /s/ Darrel Ammons DARREL S. AMMONS, WSB# 18223 ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 COL-WA-100677

Legals

Notice to Creditors SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

Estate of KATHERINE RUTH GILBERT, Deceased. No. 24-4-00467-08

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four (4) months after the date of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedents. DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT: 2/13/2025.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 2/20/2025.

ANDRE GILBERT Personal Representative c/o Attorney for Estate: Darrel S. Ammons Address: 871 11th Ave., Longview, WA 98632 Telephone: (360) 501-8090

/s/ Darrel Ammons DARREL S. AMMONS, WSB# 18223 ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 COL-WA-100702

Legals

Notice to Creditors SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR COWLITZ COUNTY

Estate of GLADYS M. KERR, Deceased. No. 25-4-00058-08 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this Estate. Persons having claims against the deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorney of record at the address below stated and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four (4) months after the date

of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedents. DATE OF FILING NOTICE TO CREDITORS WITH CLERK OF COURT: 2/13/2025.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 2/20/2025. RHEA L BRYANT Personal Representative

c/o Attorney for Estate: Address: Longview, WA 98632 Telephone: (360) 501-8090 /s/ Darrel Ammons DARREL S. AMMONS, WSB# 18223 ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 COL-WA-100701

Legals

Summons

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Cowlitz No. 25-2-00003-08

The State of Washington to ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFFS' TITLE: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 14th day of January, 2025, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff MARY FRANCES MARTIN RYCHEL and MARGARET ANN MARTIN TONIN, as successor co-trustees of The Rose J. Martin Survivor's Trust, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for Plaintiffs, at her office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE RE PROPERTY BETWEEN PARCELS 50215 AND 50207, VACANT LOTS ON DAVIDSON AVE, WOODLAND, WA 98674

Plaintiffs' Attorneys: WALSTEAD MERTSCHING P.O. Address 1549 Longview, WA 98632 Cowlitz County Washington.

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